



## Jonas Viles Award

### Purpose of Award:

The Friends of the Missouri State Archives annually present the Jonas Viles Award to a person or organization that has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Missouri's heritage. Named after the University of Missouri professor who rescued thousands of documents from the capitol lawn after the 1911 fire, this award is given to those possessing a deep commitment to the preservation and study of Missouri's history, as well as having made a positive impact on the safekeeping, accessibility, scholarship and/or promotion of the state's past.

Accomplishments of previous Jonas Viles Award winners include:

- discovering historical records;
- processing extensive collections of records with limited financial resources;
- securing workspace for local records projects; placing scans of original documents online;
- providing significant financial support for historical projects;
- securing federal grant funding for historical projects;
- sponsoring a statewide conference with a variety of complementary activities; and
- creating publications, radio programs and other works.

### Nomination and Selection Procedures:

Friends of the Missouri State Archives members, staff of the Missouri State Archives and the public are all encouraged to submit nominations. ***Nomination form(s) must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 5, 2023.*** The Friends of the Missouri State Archives' Awards Committee will select the winner and a plaque will be presented to the individual/institution at the annual meeting in June 2023.

Completed nomination forms (typed or handwritten) may be sent to:

Friends of the Missouri State Archives  
P.O. Box 242  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0242

or

[brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov](mailto:brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov)

For assistance with the nomination process, please contact Brian Rogers at (573) 526-1981 or [brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov](mailto:brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov).

Eligibility:

Nominees must have made a contribution to Missouri's archival and historical community within the past five years, and that contribution must have exceeded routine and expected duties. Members of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives Board of Directors and Missouri State Archives staff are **not eligible** for nomination. Residents and organizations located in states outside of Missouri **are eligible**, but only if their work has made a significant impact within Missouri. Special consideration will be given to nominees whose work relates to the collections and programs of the Missouri State Archives.



**Nomination Form for the Jonas Viles Award**

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**PART I:**

Date of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual Submitting

Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual or Organization

Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if nominee is an organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II:**

Please answer the following questions about the nominee:

1. Describe the contribution made by the nominee. What are the nominee's major and minor achievements as related to Missouri history and the care of historical records? What impact have these contributions made on Missouri students, teachers, researchers and/or historical records repositories and museums? (Limit: 250 words)

2. How does the nominee's work relate to the preservation, availability and/or use of materials housed at the Missouri State Archives? How does the nominee's work relate to the outreach programs of the Archives or the Friends of the Missouri State Archives? (Limit: 250 words) [A connection to the work of the Missouri State Archives is not required, but is encouraged. If the nominee has no connection to the Missouri State Archives, please explain how their work relates to primary sources—original documents, photographs, artifacts and other materials, as opposed to second-hand accounts.]

**PART III:**

Letters of support from others who would like to encourage selection of the nominee or additional supporting documentation (e.g., newspaper articles, published works, brochures, photographs and resumes) may be sent with the nomination form but are not required.