



Downers Grove
Historical Society

DOWNERS GROVE HISTORIC HOME PROGRAM



OFFICIAL APPLICATION

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Applicant 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant 2: _____ Date: _____

Name(s) of Research Assistant(s): _____

HOUSE INFORMATION

Address: _____
Street Zip Code

PIN: _____

Legal Property Description:

HOUSE HISTORY

Year Built: _____

Original Owner(s): _____

Preferred Name for House*: _____

*Usually the name of the first, or most important, owner(s). Example: "The Charles Blodgett House"

PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach a non-returnable current photograph of your home and if you have any old photographs, please attach a copy of those as well.

DESCRIPTION OF HOME

Foundation:

___ Limestone ___ Field Stone ___ Brick ___ Concrete ___ Concrete Block

___ Other: _____

Exterior Walls:

___ Wood siding ___ Vinyl Siding ___ Stucco ___ Stone ___ Brick

___ Other: _____

Roof:

___ Asphalt ___ Wood ___ Metal ___ Other: _____

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

Architectural Style(s):

Please reach to the Committee for help with identification if unsure.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Revival | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic Revival | <input type="checkbox"/> Italianate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne | <input type="checkbox"/> Colonial Revival | <input type="checkbox"/> Neoclassical Revival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tudor Revival | <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Colonial | <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> French Eclectic | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Revival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Style | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Neo Revival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-century Modern | <input type="checkbox"/> Late Modern Eclectic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Vernacular Building Form/Type(s):

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gable-Front and Gabled Ell | <input type="checkbox"/> Foursquare | <input type="checkbox"/> Ranch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Split Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow | |

Explain (if necessary):

ALTERATIONS: (The Assessor's Office will know about alterations done to the property)

Has your house been significantly altered beyond its original character?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list any known alterations to the exterior of your house:

CRITERIA

A home must be at least fifty years old to apply for recognition. Additionally, the following criteria will be used to determine if a home qualifies. A home only needs to meet one of the criteria, but check all that apply. *Disregard sections that do not apply to your home.

_____ **Architectural Significance** *most homes fit this category*

_____ **Historic Significance**

_____ **Significant Person**

_____ **Significant Architect or Builder** *extremely rare*

See details about each category on the following pages. Attach additional pages if the space provided is too small or if supporting documentation is required.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Does your home possess typical characteristics of an architectural style or vernacular form?
Please explain below.

Architectural Classification:

Typical features:

Features your home possesses:

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Does your home have significant historical or cultural value, please explain in the space below? Please attach research sources to application. *Supporting documentation required*

SIGNIFICANT PERSON

Was your home owned or occupied by a person (or people) of historic significance? Use the table below to explain. Please attach research sources to application. *Supporting documentation required*

Person's (s') Name(s): _____

Years the person(s) resided in the home:

Person's (s') Significance:

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECT

Was your home designed or constructed by a notable architect? Please explain below.
Please attach research sources to application. *Supporting documentation required*

Architect's Name: _____

Architect's Significance:

SIGNIFICANT BUILDER

Was your home designed or constructed by a notable builder? Please explain below.
Please attach research sources to application. *Supporting documentation required*

Builder's Name: _____

Builder's Significance:

PROPERTY TRANSACTION WORKSHEET BY GRANTEE

PIN#_____					HOMEOWNER_____		
ADDRESS_____							
DOC #	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	INST	INST DATE FILE DATE	CONSIDERATION	BOOK/ PAGE #	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION IF DIFFERENT FROM CURRENT DEED

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Tax Records

Name	Year	Subdivision Lot/Block	Amount

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SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

After you have completed your research, bring in the completed worksheets to the Museum. The Museum Curator and the Historic Home Committee Chairperson will first review the application to ensure it is complete. After the initial review process, they will present your application to the Downers Grove Historic Home Program Committee, who will discuss and vote on approving your application.

Once your application is reviewed and approved, the Museum will keep a copy of your findings in the Museum's research library. The Museum and Downers Grove Historical Society will send you a letter informing you that your home is accepted and recognized. You will then be eligible to order a plaque that has been specifically designed for the Historic Homes Program and has the Museum's and Historical Society's logos (The plaque is optional). In the event your application is not approved, you will be contacted to explain the reason(s) for the denial or to request additional information.

By signing this application, you acknowledge that your application and supporting materials may be used in future promotions and educational materials.

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Thank you for expressing interest in our program and the history of your home. By filling out this application, you've preserved the history of your home for your friends and family, later owners of your home, and future generations to enjoy and learn from. You've also contributed to preserving the history of Downers Grove and its importance to local, state, and national history.