

Criteria for Approval of South Dakota Historical Marker

Applications must meet the following criteria:

1. Application must include all requested information.
2. The marker must commemorate a person, place, or event that has local, state, or national significance. Markers must reflect an accurate, well-rounded account of the person, place, or event being commemorated. The South Dakota State Historical Society reserves the right to reject an application based on inaccurate, biased, derogatory, or offensive subject material or language. If an application is rejected, suggestions will be made to correct any problems; and the staff will work with the applicant to come up with an acceptable text.
3. The text must be grammatically correct, historically accurate, and supported by documentation. Photocopies of source materials should be included in the application along with a bibliography citing the source's title, author, and location (for example local library, local museum, etc.).
4. Marker design must comply with the specifications and standards set by Sewah Studio and State Historic Preservation Office.
5. Markers must be accessible to the general public. If the marker is to be located on private property, applicants must obtain written consent from the property owner and any authorities with a regulatory interest in the marker location.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines or need additional information about the program, please contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 605-773-3458 or shpo@state.sd.us.

Note: Graves or birthplaces must have exceptional significance to be considered for historical markers.

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