



Apply for a William G. Pomeroy Marker

What is the W. G. Pomeroy Foundation?

After surviving Acute Myeloid leukemia with the help of a donor, William G. Pomeroy established The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, a private foundation that focuses on supporting bone marrow donations through the gift of life and preserving our history through the historic roadside marker program.

The W. G. Pomeroy Foundation has funded over 400 historic markers in 50 New York State counties since the program's inception.

To read more about this program go to: <http://www.wgpfoundation.org/index.cfm/nys-historic-grant-programs/historic-roadside-marker-program/>

What Marker Programs Are Available?

- ◆ National Register of Historic Places
- ◆ Legends and Lore
- ◆ Historic Roadside Marker Program (cover 1740-1917 period)

Periodically, new programs are available for special occasions such as the NYS Women's Suffrage Centennial.

When Can I Apply?

Applications are submitted according to the twelve (12) regions established by APHNYS. Each quarter 3 regions are eligible to submit applications as follows:

- ◆ Regions 1-3 application cycle is May through July
- ◆ Regions 4-6 application cycle is August through October
- ◆ Regions 7-9 application cycle is November through January
- ◆ Regions 10-12 application cycle is February through April

What is the Process?

If you plan to apply:

- ◆ Decide which program you will apply under
- ◆ Select the historical event, place, or person you want to commemorate
- ◆ Gather primary documentation to support the facts
- ◆ Compose preliminary marker text
- ◆ Create a login to the W.G. Pomeroy Foundation's "apply for grants" page

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- ◆ Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) accompanied by the requested documentation
- ◆ Continue to gather the supporting documentation that must be submitted by the application deadline. Documentation may include:
 - ◆ Photos
 - ◆ Deeds
 - ◆ Wills
 - ◆ Contemporary published articles
 - ◆ Historical maps
 - ◆ Town minutes

Note: One of the documents that must be submitted is a letter giving permission for the marker to be installed. If the marker is to be installed on private property, the letter must be signed by the property owner. If the marker will be installed within the highway right-of-way, the letter must be from the appropriate local, county or state highway department.

You can monitor the status of your application by logging in to the application database.

- ◆ For applications that have been approved, a letter and the check to cover the total cost of the marker will be sent to the address provided.
- ◆ The letter contains the final, approved marker text.
- ◆ The letter should be scanned and sent with a note to the foundry indicated in the letter.
- ◆ You are required to give permission for the WGP Foundation to publicize the grant and use any video or photos you submit.
- ◆ The marker and a pole will be shipped to the address indicated.
- ◆ Each marker contains the bottom line: “William G. Pomeroy Foundation 20nn”. The marker must be installed by the end of the year shown.
- ◆ If you are holding a ceremony for the marker installation, be sure to invite the W.G. Pomeroy Foundation representative.
- ◆ Installing the sign requires heavy equipment and is best done by your highway department, if possible.

Note: Photos or a video commemorating the sign and those involved in the application can be sent to the WGP Foundation for use on their site.

Tip: Be sure to look at the markers that have been erected in counties all over New York State by visiting the WGP site and clicking on Current Markers. Reading the approved text is an excellent guide for creating your marker text.

Be sure to thank the foundation and their representatives for this excellent program!