



## Jonas Viles Award

### Purpose of Award:

The Friends of the Missouri State Archives present the Jonas Viles Award annually 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 who possess a deep commitment to the preservation and study of Missouri's history and have 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 series, and other works.

### Nomination and Selection Procedures:

Members of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives, staff of the Missouri State Archives, and the general public are encouraged to submit nominations. **Nomination form(s) must be sent no later than April 30.** The winner is selected by a panel of Friends of the Missouri State Archives board members and receives an award at the Friends annual meeting in June.

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;  
(573) 526-7333 Fax; 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, 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.