

Ohio Genealogical Society Book Awards

Book Awards Submission Criteria:

Author or submitter will choose the award category for their publication.

The work must be Ohio related or of significant value to those doing Ohio genealogy.

The work must have been published within a five-year time frame prior to being entered for consideration. Publications may not be submitted more than once unless they were revisions of or additions to books previously published. Revisions/additions published before the five-year time frame will not be considered. Revisions/additions should contain changes substantial enough to warrant consideration.

Transcriptions, abstracts and finding aids must include a preface explaining the records location, type, condition, accessibility and any other relevant details that would assist genealogists in locating and using the original source.

Any family history submitted requires a minimum of five generations presented in narrative form, fully documented with references properly cited.

All submissions must contain an index unless they are self-indexed.

Submissions may be made by the author/editor/compiler or by another person. A donated copy of the book must be given to or already in the possession of the OGS Library.

Entries must reach the OGS Fellows & Awards chair by 30 November in any given year. After judging takes place, all submitters will be contacted in March. Awards will be made at the OGS annual conference.

Four or more volunteer judges will evaluate each book. The Fellows and Awards chair will compile the final scores.

More than one award may be given in any category when the Awards Committee is in unanimous agreement that more than one publication deserves recognition.

Judging of books is based on the following criteria:

- Is the book well-organized?
- Is the index adequate and easy to use? If the work is an index, is it arranged in logical sequence? Is it indexed by multiple parameters?
- If opinions are given, are they clearly indicated as such?
- Are bibliography/resource lists included?
- Are the references well-documented? Are sources properly cited? If the work is an index, is proper credit given to the source(s) from which the index was prepared?

- Could another researcher retrace the steps taken to produce this work?
- Will it be a significant addition to Ohio genealogical or historical research and/or scholarship?
- Are any limitations of the references/sources clearly mentioned? (Missing pages, illegible writing, absence of data, missing volumes, etc.)
- Is the scope of the material presented clearly defined? (Geographic area, time period, purpose, family names, etc.)
- If illustrated, do the illustrations complement and illuminate the subject matter? Are they appropriately placed within the text?
- Are necessary abbreviations, legends, symbols, tables, and columns clearly explained and logically arranged?

OGS Book Awards:

- **The Simon Kenton Award**
 - for transcriptions of Ohio records
- **The Salmon P. Chase Award**
 - for abstracts of Ohio records
- **The U.S. Grant Award**
 - for finding/research aids (indices, bibliographies)
- **The Tecumseh Award**
 - for Ohio-related genealogical instruction books
- **The Henry Howe Award**
 - for an Ohio state, county, or local history
- **The William H. & Benjamin Harrison Award**
 - for an Ohio-related family history
- **The Lida Flint Harshman Award**
 - for a book produced by a Chapter or special interest group of the Society
- **The Governor Thomas Worthington Award**
 - for Ohio biography or collective biography
- **The Oliver Hazard Perry Award**
 - for Ohio-related military historical record