

Louisiana Historical Markers Program

La. R.S. 48:271(A) authorizes the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to erect, at suitable points selected by the Louisiana Tourism Development Commission (LTDC), bronze markers denoting and describing locations and occasions of historical interest. These markers shall conform to a standard size and design prepared by the DOTD in cooperation with the LTDC and shall be maintained by the DOTD. The language of the legend thereon shall be submitted to and approved by the Department of History of Louisiana State University. When sponsored by and furnished by authentic historical organizations, the markers may carry the sponsor's organization name along the bottom edge thereof, but otherwise shall conform in all respects to the standard design and method of erection as provided in this La. R.S. 48:271(A). The placing of the name of any living person upon these markers is expressly prohibited.

- The Louisiana Historical Marker program commemorates facts, persons, events, and places prominently identified with the history of the nation, state, or region. Historical markers are privately sponsored and funded by sponsors. Any individual or group may nominate a location or occasion of historical interest for historical marker commemoration.
- The guidelines & application are linked & posted on the Tourism website under Industry Partners. <http://www.crt.state.la.us/tourism/industry-partners/index#LHM>
- The application deadline is annually set in mid-May with committee approval voting in August.

Historical Marker Criteria

Each proposed marker script shall be reviewed by the administrator of the marker program with the Louisiana Office of Tourism (LOT) and verified and edited by the Louisiana State University (LSU) Department of History and, with the location, shall be approved by the Louisiana Tourism Development Commission (LTDC).

No marker shall be erected to commemorate a living person.

In order for an historic event to be eligible for commemoration with a marker, the event must have occurred at least fifty years ago. Likewise, a place or person must have attained its significance at least fifty years ago, although there are exceptions if the event, place, or person is of extraordinary historical significance.

Markers shall be erected in safe locations, at or close to the places being commemorated, and where they will be visible to the traveling public.

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