

Application Form

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Heritage Commission

Northwest

Select Your Neighborhood

If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards.

Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume. An Olympia map with your residence clearly marked **MUST BE SUBMITTED** with your completed application. Yahoo, Google, or other similar maps are acceptable.

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1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.

I served on the commission from 2015 to March 2016 and would very much enjoy serving again. As a professional Historian and practitioner of Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation, I find that the Oly Heritage Commission is a unique place to expand my knowledge and learn from the its very knowledgeable members.

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2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.

M.A. in History: major public history with focus in CRM. I am currently employed by WSDOT as a Historian and work with the NRHP and within the federal regulatory framework daily [section 106 + 4(f)].

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

Moved to Olympia in January 2015 and soon began working as a contractor for WSDOT and WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. I served on the Olympia Heritage Commission for a little over a year.

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4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.

M.A. in History. Authored my thesis on small dams and historic preservation in Texas. I am currently employed by WSDOT as a Historian and have worked as a consulting historian for several companies and WDFW.

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5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

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6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:

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6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?

Yes No

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If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committiees you would be interested in being considered for.

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6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards.

6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards.

7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?

Yes No

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8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.

Do you agree to comply with this expectation?

I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards.

9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?

Michelle Sadlier

Upload a Resume

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Applications are accepted for the calendar year only. The Olympia City Council's General Government Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and an interview of qualified candidates.

For further information, contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.

Question applies to Heritage Commission.

10. Why do you think Olympia's historic places are important?

Local history is incredibly underutilized by communities to create and reveal common narratives that give peoples and places an identity. In an age of dislocation and relative disengagement with formal institution, I believe local histories should be championed as a way to re-engage the local populace by sharing, educating, and discussing Olympia's history. Moreover, local history can provide guidance and prospective to a plethora of complex issues within a community and by fostering a conversations about negative a positive aspects of our history and how those events impacted and created our shared identity

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11. What is your experience working with the history or preservation of built/cultural heritage?

I have worked in CRM and preservation for nearly four years, two of those being professionally employment with WSDOT and Texas Historical Commission (SHPO).