The Michigan Heritage Awards are presented each year to honor master Michigan tradition bearers who, with excellence and authenticity, continue the folk traditions of their families or communities through practice and teaching. Awards are also presented to individuals who are recognized as outstanding community leaders in the maintenance, documentation, or presentation of traditional arts. A community can be described as a group of people who share the same ethnic or tribal heritage, language, occupation, religion, geographic area, or traditional art form. Awards are made in three categories: performance, material culture, and community leadership. Nominations are reviewed and awardees selected by an invited panel of subject specialists. The Michigan State University Museum coordinates and presents the Michigan Heritage Awards.

To nominate someone in the performance or material culture categories, use FORM A: ARTS.
To nominate someone in the community leadership category, use FORM B: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

Please print or type this nomination form (or a copy), and include the following materials:
[ ] photograph of the nominee
[ ] sample(s) of nominee’s work (object, photograph(s), slides, audiotape, videotape)
[ ] three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee’s work and reflecting different perspectives.
Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.
All of the above must be received for the nomination to be considered.

NOMINEE INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Name
__________________________________________________________________________________
Address
__________________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code
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Telephone
__________________________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth
__________________________________________________________________________________
Nominee’s principal ethnic group or tribal membership (if applicable)
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NOMINEE’S WORK

Describe the community (ies) that the nominee supports.___________________________________________
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What is the nominee’s role in the community?________________________________________________________
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Describe the contributions the nominee has made to the community’s traditions (include information on length of service, which particular traditions have been supported, and in what ways support has been given).

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What makes this person especially outstanding as compared to others who contribute to the community?

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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code ___________________________________________

Telephone ______________________________________________________

Relationship to person nominated_____________________________________

NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR BY DECEMBER 1.

Thank you for submitting this nomination.

Send this nomination form and supporting documentation of the nominees work to:

Michigan Heritage Awards
Michigan State University Museum
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824

For further information, call (517) 353-9678.