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Dear Friend of Historic Preservation:

Along with this cover message, please find a poster announcing 12 scholarships and approximately 12 volunteer positions available for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's 46th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference. The conference is being held in the Detroit Metro Area, at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, Wednesday, May 6 – Saturday morning, May 9, 2026. Please consider these opportunities for yourself, and consider sharing them with your colleagues, fellow students, boards, and communities.

These opportunities are not just for students!

- Scholarships are awarded to students, teachers, volunteers, elected and appointed officials, professionals, or anyone who has shown promising work or interest in preservation. They are intended for individuals who would not otherwise be able to participate without some financial assistance. Instructions for the application are contained in the poster's text. Scholars are expected to be at the conference site by 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 7, so they can be introduced at 9:30 AM during the MHPN's Welcome and Annual Meeting.
- Volunteer opportunities are open to everyone. The Volunteer Application is included with this cover message. Volunteers are expected to work at least 3-4 hours per day and be on-site for a brief orientation at 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 7, and 7:00 AM on Friday, May 8.

Thanks for your interest! **The deadline for these opportunities is 5 PM on Sunday, April 12.**

Best,

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The Michigan Historic Preservation Network
46th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI www.mhpn.org/conference/
Headquarters: Visitor Center at Ford House
Wednesday, May 6 - Saturday, May 9, 2026



“Resilient by Design”

Founded in 1981, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) is the state’s largest membership organization advocating for historic preservation. The MHPN is pleased to bring its 46th annual conference to the Detroit Metro Area—a gathering packed with the knowledge and enthusiasm of the preservation community. We expect up to 400 participants from across the state and Midwest.

YOU can be a part of it...

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Through the generous support of our sponsors, the MHPN has twelve (12) conference scholarships to award to students, teachers, volunteers, elected officials, professionals, or anyone who has shown promising work or an interest in historic preservation and would like to learn more. They are intended for individuals who would not otherwise be able to participate without some financial assistance.

Scholarships cover registration, conference meals, special events, tours, and three nights held for you in the conference hotel. We will help recipients carpool and find roommates, if requested. Recipients are responsible for personal incidentals and travel to-and-from Grosse Pointe Shores. Scholars are expected to be at the Conference Welcome on Thursday, May 7, 9:30-10:30 AM, to be introduced. A thank you letter written to the scholarship sponsor is required by Friday, May 29, 2026.

To apply, provide the following materials:

- A brief letter of interest including name, address, email, and cell number; a description of the applicant's connection to historic preservation; and a brief statement of financial need.
- A brief recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor, employer, or similar individual.

Email materials to Scholarship@mhpn.org by **5 PM, Sunday, April 12, 2026**. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement; if not, alert info@mhpn.org. Previous awardees are ineligible but encouraged to apply as volunteers, below. Please do not register until an award notification is received. You will receive a code to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers to this great networking opportunity receive a 100% registration discount on the days they work; the reduced Student Rate is available for non-work days and add-on activities. Orientation is 8 AM on May 7 and 7 AM on May 8; Volunteers then put in a minimum of 3-4 hours in any day they work. Volunteers are responsible for travel, incidentals, and overnight expenses. We will help Volunteers carpool and find roommates, if requested. Whenever possible, Volunteers submitting early applications are scheduled to avoid conflicts with their sessions of interest, although this is not always possible. Areas of greatest need include registration, marketplace, and set-up/break-down. Email your application to Volunteer@mhpn.org by **5 PM, Sunday, April 12, 2026**. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement; if not, alert info@mhpn.org. Please do not register until assignments are approved. You will receive a code to register.