

**Part 3 Chapter 2: Procedures for Implementation of the State Historical Marker Program**  
(Adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 15, 2010, Amended July 19, 2013)

*Rule 2.1.* Any individual, group, or organization may submit an application to MDAH to sponsor a State Historical Marker. In order for a site to qualify for a State Historical Marker, a site must have unique historical significance to the local community, state, or nation. For cemeteries and places of worship, the subject should include unique architectural features or be associated with prominent historical events, personalities, or communities.

Sponsors of State Historical Markers are solely responsible for the cost of the marker(s), and a statement signed by the sponsor(s) attesting to the same must be included with the application. The manufacturer will bill the sponsor directly once the marker has been shipped. MDAH will not accept or process payments on behalf of the sponsor of a privately funded State Historical Marker.

Upon receipt of a State Historical Marker application that includes relevant background information, MDAH staff will research the proposed marker subject in order to verify the historical accuracy of the material submitted. Once sufficient information has been compiled, MDAH staff will prepare a report to be presented at the next quarterly Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees may accept or reject any application for State Historical Markers.

The text for a State Historical Marker is drafted by MDAH staff in consultation and with consent of the sponsor. However, MDAH reserves the right to approve the final marker text. Once a final text has been approved by the Director, MDAH staff will process the order to the manufacturer.

The purchase of a replacement of a missing or existing state historical marker and/or the repair of an existing State Historical Marker is the sole responsibility of the applicant(s) or sponsoring entities, and a signed statement approving the cost of the replacement or repair must be included with the application. The Board of Trustees may approve public funds for the replacement or repair of a state historical marker provided MDAH staff determine that the historical event or site interpreted by the marker is of national or statewide significance.

Source: *Miss. Code* §§ 25-59-1, 39-7-1 (1972, as amended).