



Bruce MacDougal Advocacy Scholars Program

Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) organize the [National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week](#) each year to promote federal preservation policy and programs.

The Bruce MacDougal Advocacy Scholars Program is a unique opportunity for individuals interested in preservation advocacy and policy to access advocacy training and mentoring, to join a national network of advocates and participate directly in congressional visits. This year, Advocacy Week will be held *in-person* from **March 04-07, 2024 in Washington, D.C.**

As an Advocacy Scholar you will:

- Increase your knowledge of federal historic preservation policies and how they impact diverse communities, large and small, across the country;
- Participate in briefings and policy discussions that will help shape federal support for historic preservation programs;
- Meet one-on-one with a Preservation Action mentor to discuss your goals and maximize your experience at Advocacy Week;
- Accompany a state delegation of Preservation Action representatives during virtual Congressional office visits;
- Attend the Advocacy Scholars Networking Reception on March 4th;
- Join members of Preservation Action and NCSHPO at the Preservation Action's Congressional Reception on the evening of March 6th.

How to Apply:

To apply, please introduce yourself and your association with historic preservation (i.e. academically, professionally, as a community member) and answer **three of the five questions below** in a 5-minute video or 750-word short essay.

1. Describe a historic preservation practice or program that you believe is underutilized at the federal, state or local level and why.



2. Do you have an idea for creating a new or amending an existing historic preservation program or policy that you would like to see implemented at the state or federal level? If so, describe the program and how it would work.
3. Tell us about an important place in your community that has benefited or could benefit from historic preservation advocacy?
4. Historic preservation interacts with and has implications on sustainability, social equity, housing, quality of life and everything in between. Is there a particular issue that you believe historic preservation can play a larger role in and how do you think we can expand our grassroots advocacy in that area?
5. If you were able to ask one question of an elected official regarding preservation, what would it be?

Along with your submission please include a one-page resume and identify three states -- that you've lived in or otherwise have a connection to -- that you would like to join during Congressional office visits, if chosen to be a 2024 Advocacy Scholar.

For video submissions, you can attach a file under 20 MB directly to your application email - or provide the link to an online unlisted location such as YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox etc. with the setting "anyone with the link can view".

Email your submission to education@preservationaction.org by **January 26, 2024**. Selected scholars will be notified no later than **February 02, 2024**.