

The Elizabeth Lyon Fellowship 2026



Purpose and Goals

The Elizabeth Lyon Fellowship supports educational and research/study initiatives in Georgia that address preservation needs and emerging issues, and that will make a significant contribution to the practice and understanding of historic preservation. Awards may be used for research or study which produces a paper or publication for general distribution, special university seminars which produce a publication or report (web-based or print), conferences on significant topics with a written report, a statewide conference speaker who could speak on an emerging issue with the remarks available for distribution or community-based research and field work which results in a written report or handbook.

Possible topics for research, seminars or conferences include:

- Preservation policy and emerging issues at national, state, or local levels
- Preservation philosophy and theory
- Public perceptions of preservation, interpreting history through preservation
- Studies of historic properties, property types, or historic context studies
- Studies in the history of historic preservation
- Community-based studies that address the benefits of preservation.
 - Community studies could address public perceptions of the value of and benefits to the quality of community life, as for example, the development of a formal and defensible methodology for identifying and measuring the value of a community's tangible assets, innovative solutions to community preservation needs, or the process of creating broad-based coalitions of citizens to address local issues and needs.

Program Description

The Elizabeth Lyon Fellowship of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to a student, an intern or a professional. Funds will be distributed as reimbursement upon submission of invoices for eligible expenses listed on the following page.

The fellowship will be announced in May 2026. The recipient will provide a progress report to The Georgia Trust before December 1, 2026. The fellowship should be used within one calendar year of being received. A copy of the final publication or report must be received by The Georgia Trust by September 1, 2027. Recipient must also be available to give up to two presentations of the findings to the Trust.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a student, intern or a professional. Applicants should study or work in the field of historic preservation, heritage preservation, public history, architectural history or American history with a particular focus on the State of Georgia.
- Applicants must have a sponsor/faculty or senior professional advisor to provide intellectual direction/consultation to the student or young professional.
- Applicants must submit a brief (no longer than 3 pp.) essay outlining their proposed project and a letter from their sponsor, in addition to the formal application form.
- Applicants are encouraged to propose an independent study, but participation in an existing program is acceptable.
- Priority will be given to those applicants with a connection to Georgia (a Georgia resident, a student in a Georgia academic institution, or an employee of a Georgia company).

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Application Requirements:

- **Form.** Completed application form.
- **Objective.** In 3 pages or less state the objective of the applicant's research/study initiative and the preservation needs and emerging issues it addresses.
- **Summary of Proposed Study.** In 2 pages or less outline the initiative's schedule and how the proceeds will be used.

Eligible Expenses:

- Travel expenses
- Reproduction costs (copies, duplication)
- Photography, graphic design fees, printing, etc.
- Outside consultant fees, outside speaker fees
- Supplies, materials, equipment needed for completion of project, etc.
- Other items approved by The Georgia Trust

Ineligible Expenses:

- Living expenses
- Fees paid to applicant
- Reimbursement for expenses already incurred at date of application

- **Resume.** Be sure to list academic honors, internships, and employment history on your resume.
- **Three Letters of Support.** Provide three letters of support from professionals who are familiar with the applicant's work and scholarship. One letter must be from the applicant's proposed sponsor/faculty or senior professional advisor.

Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a committee chaired by a representative of The Georgia Trust's Board of Trustees and including a representative from the Georgia National Register Review Board, a representative from Inherit Georgia, and three of the following: university faculty with historic and/or public history programs, preservationists, community advocates with interest in education/research. Applicants will receive notification of award in May 2026.

Application Submission

Emailed nominations are encouraged.

Email or mail nominations to:

preservation@georgiatrust.org
Elizabeth Lyon Fellowship
The Georgia Trust
1516 Peachtree St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

Direct any questions to:

Preservation Department
404-885-7817
preservation@georgiatrust.org

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by Monday, April 6, 2026

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Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Academic/Career status: _____

Resident of Georgia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Education

College/University: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Degree: _____

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High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Please attach other [Application Requirements](#) on separate pages.

I, _____, hereby verify that the above information is accurate and correct. If chosen for the Elizabeth Lyon Fellowship, I will provide a written report of my findings to the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation by September 1, 2027 and agree that these items will remain the property of the Trust. I also agree that I will be available to give up to two presentations of my findings to the Trust.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____