



Struggle for Statehood

A Missouri Bicentennial Exhibit

Would you like to see the exhibit in your community?

The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) and the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy have partnered to create a special traveling exhibit in honor of Missouri's bicentennial of statehood. *Struggle for Statehood* traces the history of Missouri towards American statehood and explores why its application for admission sparked a national crisis that almost destroyed the very Union Missouri sought to join. Visitors will learn about the significance of the controversy and its lasting implications on our state and nation. *Struggle for Statehood* will be available for exhibition in Missouri communities from January 2019 until December 2021. Up to **five sites will be selected annually to host the exhibit for approximately 6 weeks. Rolling applications accepted until June 2021.**

Become a Host Organization:

The MHC invites museums, historical societies, public libraries, art centers, and other nonprofit cultural organization across Missouri to apply as host sites. Elaborate facilities and experience with traveling exhibitions are not essential. Eligible applicants will:

- Have a history of partnering, or willingness to partner, with organizations in the community or region.
- Demonstrate ideas for public humanities programs and education activities focused on Missouri statehood, local Missouri history and culture, and/or local community anniversaries and commemorative celebrations (i.e. town or county bicentennials).
- Provide a minimum of 900 square feet of enclosed, interior display space; a ceiling height of at least eight and a half feet, and functional electrical outlets in the display space.
- Be willing to work with the MHC and other partners to build the capacity of your organization.

Prospective host sites are encouraged to offer free and open access to the exhibit, but MHC acknowledges the need for some host sites to charge nominal admission fees at their facilities. In such cases, sites are encouraged to set aside a length of time for free viewing within their current admission structure. No special fees may be charged for viewing the exhibit over and above a general admittance fee.

Host Organizations receive:

- Free rental of the traveling exhibit.
- An exhibition support manual and assistance in exhibition and program planning.
- Materials to help publicize the exhibit (i.e. invitations, press release, print or web ad, and other informational materials).
- \$2,500 in funding support from the MHC for complementary community programs such as local companion exhibitions, guest speakers, film or book discussions, oral history projects, community forums, family programming, etc.
- Statewide publicity and promotion
- Support and counsel for organization capacity building

Host Organization Responsibilities:

- Assign a project director for the exhibition who will attend one planning meeting.
- Implement publicity in your community and region in cooperation with the MHC.
- Produce at least two public programs for adults, kids, and families and/or a local companion exhibit complementing *Struggle for Statehood* while it visits the community.
- Provide a cost share report at the project's conclusion tracking all staff and volunteer time, facility expenses, and other donated resources.
- Provide a secure, dry space to store exhibition crates for duration of the exhibition
- Engage in cooperative publicity with partner sites.
- Contribute hard work and some out-of-pocket expenses.

Eligible? Interest?

Please complete attached application.

If your community or organization is interested in hosting, please contact:

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