

Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission

Event Submission Guidelines

The Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission will inspire all Vermonters to learn from the history, legacy, and context of the past to build strong Vermont communities for the future. Through collaborative local and statewide initiatives that explore an inclusive history of the American Revolution, the Vermont's 250th Anniversary Commission will support and encourage the preparation, planning, and execution of programs and events that examine a formative period of our nation and how it continues to shape our culture and values.

The Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, will be posting endorsed events, commemorations, and activities linked to 250th commemorations on our website calendar. Events and programs endorsed by the Commission will align with at least one of the following strategies outlined in the [Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission Strategic Plan](#) (adopted on December 13, 2022) and/or one of the theme's outlined in the [Governor's Executive Order](#) (2020) that created the Vermont's 250th Anniversary Commission:

Events supported by the 250th Anniversary Commission must be accessible (in compliance with ADA, or beyond), equitable, inclusive, and support a broad diversity of voices and perspectives. Events should be nonpartisan in nature and will be reviewed for accuracy of historical interpretation. The Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission may accept or reject an endorsement request in its sole discretion.

Groups/organizations seeking to have an event endorsed by the Commission shall be required to submit a description of the proposed event, the audience served, and how the event addresses one or more of the goals or action steps listed above. Please submit events at least 6 weeks before it is scheduled to begin. All events will be reviewed by Commission staff.

Please email the attached form to SOV.Vermont250@vermont.gov to submit your event.

VERMONT 250th EVENT ENDORSEMENT FORM

Event Name:

Event Contact Name:

- Email:

- Phone:

Event Date:

Event Location:

Event Description (50 words or less):

Audience Served (25 words or less; ex: public, students, seniors, etc.):

Please select all criteria with which this event aligns and supports:

- Increase relevance of 250th history by expanding the historical narrative to include a greater diversity of perspectives and experiences (Strategic Plan Strategy 2)
- Utilize resources from other states and past commemorations (Strategic Plan Strategy 1)
- Connect national history to regional and local levels and include local communities, arts and cultural institutions, historical societies, and state and local governments (Strategic Plan Strategy 2 & Governor's Executive Order)
- Develop programming that relates to pressing public issues (Strategic Plan Strategy 2)
- Promote arts and cultural heritage (Strategic Plan Strategy 3)
- Increase school participation or provide organizations and teachers with relevant content (Strategic Plan Strategy 3)
- Increase public awareness of 250th commemorations (Strategic Plan Strategy 4)
- Relate to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America (Governor's Executive Order)

- Highlight the role of Vermont’s military experience during the Revolutionary War (Governor’s Executive Order)
- Highlight the role Vermonters played in the American Revolution, and give voice to the many different ways in which diverse Vermonters experienced the time period and were impacted by its legacy (Governor’s Executive Order)
- Encourage Americans to remember our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future (Governor’s Executive Order)

Attestations:

- I attest that this event is accessible (meets ADA guidelines)
- I attest that I have read the criteria and that this event qualifies based on the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission Event Submission Guidelines

APPROVED

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DENIED

Justification: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____