

**07 NCAC 04T .0104 CRITERIA**

(a) All highway historical markers shall designate places, events, or persons of statewide historical significance. Historical Significance shall mean any person, place, or event of the past that has been recorded, documented, or recognized in a primary or secondary source, such as in books, diaries, journals, newspaper articles, speeches, documentaries, textbooks, artifacts, or other items, as having a lasting contribution to North Carolina history. Subjects of local or regional importance shall not be approved for highway historical markers. Statewide historical significance must be documented by the applicant. Applications shall be submitted to determine historical significance as set forth in this Rule.

(b) Applications shall be requested from and submitted in writing to the Historical Research Office of the Division of Archives and History, 4610 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4610, and include the following:

- (1) the subject to be marked;
- (2) the location associated with the subject;
- (3) a detailed statement describing the subject's significance and its impact on the North Carolina's history; and
- (4) copies of primary and secondary sources detailing the subject's historical significance to North Carolina.

(c) An individual shall be eligible for consideration of a historical marker 25 years following his or her death.

(d) Statewide historical significance shall be determined by the Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee based on the following factors:

- (1) the relationship of the subject to North Carolina's history;
- (2) the relationship of the subject to existing markers, such as whether the subject is included on an existing marker;
- (3) the subject's contributions to North Carolina; and
- (4) consequence of the subject on North Carolina's history.

(e) If a person is named in the text of a marker, that individual will not be approved as the subject of a separate marker.

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