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Scholars in Residence

2026

Letter of Recommendation

(To be completed by applicant, then forwarded to reference)

Name of Applicant

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Proposed Topic/Project Title

The person named above is applying to the Scholars in Residence Program at the Pennsylvania State Archives and has listed you as a reference. The residency program is designed to promote the interpretation of Pennsylvania history; encourage research drawing upon the State Archives documentary resources; develop collegial relationships between scholars and the State Archives' professional staff; and promote the widespread dissemination of research findings to the professional community of scholars and the public. Scholars are supported for a period of up to four weeks of research at the Pennsylvania State Archives.

Applications will be evaluated by the following criteria: the significance of the research proposed; the clarity of the proposal; the quality of the work anticipated and the likelihood that the proposed project will be successfully completed; the relevance of the research topic to State Archives programs; the value of State Archives resources to the proposed topic, including the imaginative use of nontraditional sources; and plans for dissemination of the results of the research. The Pennsylvania State Archives would appreciate your assessment of the applicant and the proposed project considering these and any other criteria you think relevant.

Please submit a recommendation, including your name, title, date and signature with this form and e-mail directly to the State Archives at: RA-PHMCScholars@pa.gov We require the receipt of all letters by March 1, 2026.