

Watson-Brown Junior Board



Athens Chapter

Mission

“To seek out and determine historic preservation opportunities in North Georgia. These opportunities, aligned with education, include, but are not limited to, historic projects and organizations that will preserve the past for future generations.”

About the Board

- Comprised completely of area high school students
- Entirely student run
- The Junior Board awards \$33,000 in grants annually to worthwhile historic preservation/restoration projects in Northeast Georgia
- There are three Boards: Thomson, Milledgeville, and Athens
- To date, the combined Boards have awarded over \$1 million dollars to dozens of historic preservations organizations

Forum

In January, Members are asked to attend one Saturday Forum meeting of all three boards.



Members

- The Board is limited to between 7-12 members per academic year from high schools in Banks, Hall, Habersham, Stephens, Franklin, Hart, Madison, Jackson, Barrow, Walton, Oconee, Clarke, Oglethorpe, and Greene Counties
- Potential applicants are high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Members must be in good academic standing

Members (cont.)

- Members must attend and actively participate in six out of eight, or a majority, of monthly meetings unless prior arrangements have been made with Board President and the Coordinator (Meetings are generally held on Wednesdays each month, with some exceptions for member schedules)
- Members should also plan to Junior Board Forum in January (a Saturday).

Past Athens Junior Board Grant Recipients

- Lyndon House Arts Foundation (Athens, Ga)
- Shields-Ethridge Farm Foundation, Inc. (Jefferson, Ga)
- Athens Welcome Center (Athens, Ga)
- Historic Lexington, Inc (Lexington, Ga)
- Friends of Oconee Hill Cemetery (Athens, Ga)
- Rev. John Andrew Chapter, NSDAR (Watkinsville, Ga)
- William H. Harris Homestead, Inc. (Monroe, Ga)
- Monroe Museum (Monroe, Ga)
- Demosthenian Literary Society (University of Georgia, Athens)
- Jackson County Government (Jefferson, Ga)
- Nuci Phillips Memorial Foundation (Athens, Ga)
- Jackson County Historical Society (Jefferson, Ga)

The Process

- Students receive several grant applications and of those applications received, the board will vote on which to go on “Site Visits.”
- At the site visit, students will conduct an interview, asking about the grant application and the organization.
- At the April meeting, students will present their findings and opinions of the site visit to the Board.
- Once all the site visits presentations have been seen, the Board will vote on which projects to fund.

How to Apply

- Go to <http://www.trrcobbhouse.org>
- Click on Junior Board Tab
- Go to Student Application

Or

- Talk to your High School Counselor

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ashleigh Oatts, Advisor, by phone at (706) 369-3513, or by e-mail aoatts@trrcobbhouse.org



The Board celebrated the history of Knoxville, TN on their 2016 spring trip.



The Board celebrated the history of Columbia, SC on their 2017 spring trip.

Life imitating art at
an exhibit at the
East Tennessee
History Center

