

**For Immediate Release**  
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**Humanities Montana**  
**Call for Board Member Applications**

***September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline*** for receipt of application materials for new members of Humanities Montana.

Humanities Montana is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency. A nonprofit organization founded in 1972, Humanities Montana's grants have served Montanans with thousands of public humanities conferences, lectures, workshops, exhibits, television, radio, film, and video productions, as well as awards for research and book subvention. In addition, among its statewide services are a Public Affairs Initiative, a Speakers Bureau, Montana Festival of the Book, One Book Montana, the Montana Center for the Book, Letters About Literature contest, the OpenBook reading and discussion program, and the Governor's Humanities Awards.

The Humanities Montana Board of Directors consists of nineteen members, representing humanities disciplines and institutions and the general public. The Board seeks balanced geographic, gender, ethnic, academic and vocational representation in its membership. Members serve a three-year renewable term.

The Humanities Montana Board is a volunteer group that meets three times a year throughout the state. Members' duties include representing the organization, setting policy, exercising fiduciary responsibility, assisting with fund raising and development, making a personal contribution to the organization, employing the Executive Director, reviewing project proposals, evaluating funded projects, and promoting awareness and appreciation of Humanities Montana's programs to the general public, state leaders, and the Montana Congressional delegation. Service on the Board is a challenging but rewarding experience.

To be considered as a candidate, an applicant or nominee must submit two letters of recommendation, a résumé, and a letter indicating and explaining his or her interest in serving on the Board. Please send these materials by September 1, 2009 to:

**Humanities Montana**  
**311 Brantly**  
**Missoula, MT 59812-7848**

For further information regarding membership on the Board of Humanities Montana, please visit our website [www.humanitiesmontana.org](http://www.humanitiesmontana.org) or call the Humanities Montana office at (406) 243-6022, or email at [info@humanitiesmontana.org](mailto:info@humanitiesmontana.org).