



Journey Stories

Coming to Kentucky in 2011

Apply now to host Smithsonian exhibit

The Kentucky Humanities Council invites smaller museums, libraries and historical societies in towns of fewer than 20,000 residents to apply to host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit called **Journey Stories**. The portable, 6-kiosk display was developed by the Smithsonian especially for rural audiences and small museums without access to traveling exhibitions due to space and cost limitations.

The exhibit will tour six Kentucky communities from May, 2011 until March, 2012. Sites will be chosen based on their geographic location, ideas for auxiliary events, and physical display space. Applications are due by **March 15, 2010**.

To apply, complete the information on the reverse side and return it to:

Kentucky Humanities Council, 206 E. Maxwell St, Lexington, KY 40508
Phone 859/257-5932 or Fax: 859/257-5933

About the Exhibit: *Journey Stories* uses engaging images, audio, and artifacts to tell stories that illustrate the critical roles travel and movement have played in building our diverse American society. *Journey Stories* – including tales of how we and our ancestors came to America – are a central element of our personal heritage. From Native Americans to new American citizens and regardless of our ethnic or racial background, everyone has a story to tell. Our history is filled with stories of people leaving behind everything – families and possessions – to reach a new life in another state, across a continent, or even across an ocean. The reasons behind those decisions are plentiful. Many chose to move, searching for something better in a new land. Others had no choice, like enslaved Africans captured and relocated to a strange land and bravely asserting their own cultures, or like Native Americans, who were often pushed aside by newcomers.

For more information about *Journey Stories*, visit the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street website at <http://museumonmainstreet.org>.

The modular, freestanding units require 700 square feet of display space with 8-foot ceilings. Additional space is recommended to show local artifacts and special exhibits. Applicants should also consider nearby facilities that can accommodate groups attending events associated with hosting the display.

Each host community will receive from the Kentucky Humanities Council:

- ✓ Rental of the Smithsonian exhibit for a six-week period.
- ✓ Free shipping.
- ✓ An exhibit support manual covering installation, object collection and conservation, public relations, and evaluation.
- ✓ Exhibit brochures, posters, postcards, teacher guides, and docent guides.
- ✓ Assistance with program planning and ready-made publicity materials, such as posters and public service announcements.
- ✓ Travel expenses for the project coordinator to attend a planning meeting.
- ✓ Help in applying for grant funds from KHC in support of complementary community programs, such as oral history projects, guest speakers, film series, artifact collection, workshops, reading discussion programs, dramatizations, etc.
- ✓ Humanities scholar to assist with planning of local exhibit and programs to coincide with the exhibit.

In return, hosts will be asked to:

- ✓ Contribute \$500 toward exhibit rental and program support
- ✓ Identify a staff member or volunteer who will serve as coordinator of the project for its duration and who will attend the installation and planning meetings.
- ✓ Demonstrate a willingness to plan and implement public programs during the exhibition. Develop and display local exhibit and educational programs to coincide with traveling exhibit.
- ✓ Keep track of all staff and volunteer time, facilities, and other resources donated to the project and provide report of local cost share at the project's conclusion.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Pool at 859/257-5932 or kathleen.pool@uky.edu



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by March 15, 2010.



Application to host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit

Part 1: Tell us about your institution.

Institution Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Project Coordinator/Title: _____

Number of staff: Permanent _____ Volunteer _____

Annual # of visitors: _____ Days/Hours of operation: _____

Describe your facility and the area where **Journey Stories** will be displayed (include pictures of exhibit space if available):

Describe security and climate conditions:

Preferred dates for hosting **Journey Stories** Exhibit (please indicate #1 & #2 choices):

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| _____ May 28– July 9, 2011 | _____ July 16–August 27, 2011 |
| _____ September 3–October 15, 2011 | _____ October 22–December 3, 2011 |
| _____ December 10, 2011–January 21, 2012 | _____ January 28–March 10, 2012 |

Part 2: Share your preliminary ideas for making **Journey Stories** a successful event for your community. Use a separate page to respond to the following:

- A. Identify community resources (organizations, individuals, special facilities, etc.) to help make the project successful. Include names and letters of support from other important participants (media persons, local government officials, Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Council, Civic Organizations, School Board Superintendent or the director of instruction for the school district, etc.
- B. Briefly describe some ideas you have for community programs to enhance the exhibit. (Note: You will have the chance to develop your ideas further at planning meetings for the project.) Be creative. Include “fun” activities as well as educational events. Describe plans for a local exhibit to coincide with the Smithsonian traveling exhibit. Sample ideas that relate to the **Journey Stories** exhibit can be found on the Museum on Main Street web site at <http://museumonmainstreet.org>. Click on administration, then Journey Stories, then local coordinators. You will see a section called ideas for local exhibits and local programs.
- C. Explain ways the exhibit can further your organization’s goals, for example, add new members, increase number of visitors to the museum, enhance local exhibit or learn how to store and display historical items.