

Application for Assistance in Repainting Mail Pouch Advertisements

The Mail Pouch Barnstormers, a club composed of dedicated Mail Pouch advertising preservationists, hobbyists, barn owners, collectors and fans, offers a grant program intended to assist with the financial costs associated with the preservation of existing Mail Pouch signs. To apply for financial assistance, please complete this form and return to the address listed below. Please type or print clearly to ensure accuracy:

Name:

Email address:

Telephone:

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:

Address/Location of structure:

Main color of structure:

Main color of Mail Pouch advertisement:

Physical condition of structure (check one): Excellent Good Fair Poor

Condition of advertisement: Excellent Good Fair Poor

How many sides/ends display an advertisement?

Please provide any known historical, interesting, or unusual information about this structure or advertisement. For example, builder, year built, original painter of advertisement, last time it was painted, etc.:

E-mail completed application and supporting documentation, including current photographs, to:
info@mailpouchbarnstormers.org

Or mail to:
Mail Pouch Barnstormers, 439 Fifty Acre Road, Johnstown, PA 15904

Guidelines for Mail Pouch Advertising Restoration Assistance

The following guidelines have been designed to determine eligibility to receive assistance in preserving existing Mail Pouch tobacco advertisements.

1. To be considered for assistance in preserving the advertisement, applicants must be current members of the Mail Pouch Barnstormers club and the owner(s) of the structures. (If you are not a current member, remit annual dues of \$20 with your application).
2. Applicants must submit a completed application form along with current photos of the structure from different angles that clearly indicate the current condition of the structure and the advertisement. The proposed structure must be structurally sound, i.e., at a minimum, it should have a good roof and be reasonably well maintained. The structure must be easily viewable by the public with no obstructions, and in a prominent location along a well-traveled road.
3. Applicants will be responsible for any needed repairs to the structure and for choosing and hiring a qualified painter to repaint the advertisement. The work will be done at the owner's own expense with no liability to the Barnstormers. To assist applicants, the Barnstormers will maintain a list of contact information of qualified painters.
4. All applications must be postmarked by March 31. Any applications received after this date will be considered for the following year.
5. Upon submission of the required documentation, applications will be reviewed by a panel selected by the Mail Pouch Barnstormers officers and a decision to proceed with funding, and the amount of funding to be offered, will be made by no later than May 1. The panel's decision will be final.
6. When the decision has been finalized, the applicant will be notified. Reimbursement will be sent to the applicant at the address provided on the application form upon proof of completion of the project and submission of the required receipt(s) associated with the job.
7. Reimbursement is restricted solely to the cost of paint up to a maximum of \$1,000 per approved application. Only one application will be approved per calendar year. Any additional grant(s) are subject to review and approval by the MPB Board of Directors.
8. Grants will be paid upon proof of successful completion of the project.
9. Applicants must grant the Mail Pouch Barnstormers permission to use any and all before-and-after photographs, and any historical information related to the structure and/or sign, to promote the club and/or its programs to provide assistance in preserving existing Mail Pouch signs and/or structures.
10. Once an application has been approved, the applicant agrees the sign restoration project will be completed within 24 months or less of the approval date. If the restoration has not been completed within the specified timeframe, the applicant understands the agreement will be nullified and the approved reimbursement will be forfeited.
11. The Mail Pouch Barnstormers reserve the right to discontinue the restoration assistance program at its discretion and/or to revise the amount of assistance funding with the approval of the organization's officers.

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