



Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc.

The H. Albert Webb Memorial Railroad Preservation Award

The purpose of the H. Albert Webb Memorial Railroad Preservation Award is to assist in the preservation of New England railroad history. Nonprofit, tax-exempt [Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3)] organizations that preserve historically significant railroad equipment, structures or information from New England railroads are eligible to apply, whether or not they are based in New England.

Leigh Webb, the son of the late H. Albert Webb and founder of the Award, has committed to underwrite an annual award of \$10,000. The Award may fund either an entire preservation project or the completion of a specific, measurable portion of a larger preservation project.

Mr. Webb has designated the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc. (Mass Bay RRE) as the administrator of the H. Albert Webb Memorial Railroad Preservation Award. Each year the Mass Bay RRE Board of Directors appoints an Award Committee to conduct the selection process and make recommendations to Mr. Webb, who makes the final Award selection. Among other considerations, projects will be evaluated on the basis of their historical significance and the ability of the sponsor to fund and complete the entire preservation project, not just that portion to be funded by the Award grant.

The Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund Grants

Mass Bay RRE established the Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund in 2016 to support worthy projects to preserve historically significant railroad equipment, structures, information or artifacts in New England. Grants, generally ranging up to \$5,000, are awarded annually, funded by donations to the fund, the Club's available funds and a grant from the Samuel L. Freeman Charitable Trust.

Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply for a Mass Bay RRE Preservation Grant. Projects will be evaluated on the basis of their historical significance and the ability of the sponsor to fund and complete the entire preservation project, not just that portion to be funded by the Mass Bay RRE grant.

2026 Award/Grant Application Instructions

A single, unified application form is used for both the H. Albert Webb Memorial Railroad Preservation Award and the Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund Grants. Organizations may apply for both the Webb Award and a Mass Bay RRE Grant, but only one Award or Grant will be made to any given project. The selected Award/Grant recipients will be required to sign a "project sponsorship agreement" with Mass Bay RRE setting forth the terms and conditions for receiving and utilizing the Award or Grant, including a project work schedule. The recipients will be required to provide Mass Bay RRE with an annual Progress Report, including an accounting of the funds received and used. On completion of the project, the recipients will be required to submit a Final Report, including a detailed description of the finished work, with photographic documentation as appropriate, and a final accounting of funds received and disbursed. The recipients will allow Mass Bay RRE representatives to make on-site inspections of the project while in progress, and upon completion. The recipients will also acknowledge the H. Albert Webb Memorial Railroad Preservation Award or the Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Grant as a source of funds supporting its project.

The completed Application Form, with supporting documentation (optional, but encouraged), must be received not later than 11:59 PM on Monday, December 1, 2025. A sponsoring organization may submit only one project application each year. By submitting an application, the sponsoring institution certifies that it is a qualified [501(c)(3)] organization in good standing. Unless previously submitted with a prior Award application, all applicants must provide one copy of the organization's IRS [501(c)(3)] determination letter with their application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the convenient on-line application – link available at:

www.massbayrre.org/Preservation.html

Applications completed using our fillable PDF form may be submitted by Email to: **awards@massbayrre.org**

Download the PDF Application from: **www.massbayrre.org/Preservation.htm**

or... Mail completed Award/Grant application to: **Award 2026, Mass Bay Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc.**

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