



August 25, 2021

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Watson-Brown Foundation Inc. in partnership with Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion and Georgia College & State University supports historic preservation in part through its Junior Board of Trustees, a talented group of local high school students whose exclusive mission is to preserve local history. Supported by area school systems, this educational initiative fosters civic responsibility, heightens an appreciation for local history, and introduces the students to the world of philanthropy.

The Junior Board awards over \$33,000.00 in grants annually to worthwhile preservation projects in the Middle Georgia area. During the school year, the Junior Board conducts research, pre-grant inquiries, and site visits. The Board meets monthly.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 board. We are looking to fill 5 to 8 positions on the Junior Board. Junior Board members must be, and remain, in good academic standing. They should be active members of their communities and schools. And, of course, they should possess an interest in historic preservation.

The Junior Board and I would greatly appreciate your assistance in identifying those students who "fit this bill" and encouraging them to apply for a seat on the Board. I have included an application with this letter. This is a singular opportunity for any motivated student and will open an avenue into the preservation community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Junior Board. My number is 478-445-4545; email: matt.davis@gcsu.edu.

Digital copies of this application will be available on the Mansion's website at www.gcsu.edu/mansion under the junior board menu.

Please note that applications must be submitted by October 1, 2021.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Matthew S. Davis
Director of Historic Museums, Georgia College
Coordinator-Watson Brown Foundation
Junior Board of Trustees, Milledgeville Chapter

**Watson- Brown Foundation Junior Board of Trustees
Milledgeville Chapter
2021-2022**

Please print or type:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

School Activities (list at least 2): _____

Community Involvement and Volunteer Activities (be specific): _____

To Complete the Application:

The goal of the WBF Junior Board is *to preserve history through the past*. In order for your application to be considered, we ask that you write a brief narrative, using a separate sheet of paper, on a potential historic preservation or historic restoration that you feel is worthy of saving. Limit your essay to 500 words. Please discuss why you feel, historically speaking, that this site should be preserved and what you would do to accomplish this project. We also ask that you tell us something about yourself – (1) What do you plan to pursue as a career? (2) Why do you want to become a member of this prestigious Board? (3) What do you think you can contribute to this Board? (4) Why should we select you for membership?

Submit this application and your essay to: Matt Davis, Department of Historic Museums-Georgia College, Campus Box 092, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061 or by email to matt.davis@gcsu.edu no later than October 1, 2021.

Responsibilities of the Junior Board:

The Junior Board devotes many hours of time to site visits, meetings, interviews, and research in the field of historic preservation in the Middle Georgia area. It is the responsibility of each Junior Board member to become actively involved in the project nomination and grant decision process. A certain commitment is required of the members to remain on the Board. **This Board may never be used as an excuse for incomplete school assignments or absences from school. Please note that sophomores-seniors are the grades eligible for membership.**

At least one overnight site trip may be planned during the school year and scheduled around school activities. This stay is paid for by the Watson-Brown Foundation, with the exception of each member's personal spending money. Gas for site visits and monthly meetings is reimbursed at a rate of forty-eight cents per mile.

I welcome any questions or concerns from you, your parents, or teachers. Please have them contact the museum at 478-445-4545.