



Freedom's Frontier Location and Event Program

Registered Location and Event Application Packet

Becoming a Freedom's Frontier **Registered** Location or Event is the first step in connecting your location or event with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA). The Location and Event Program provides locations and events with a way to access grants and assistance available through Freedom's Frontier. It also sets out a pathway for locations and events to become part of the Freedom's Frontier tourism and marketing plan.

The chart below lists the categories, benefits, and prerequisites for the Freedom's Frontier Location and Events Program. This packet will help you work through the application process to become a **Registered** Location or Event.

Category	Benefits	Prerequisites
Registered Locations and Events	Qualify for grants and assistance	*Meet all six Eligibility requirements
Recognized Locations and Events	Qualify for grants and assistance May be included in promotional materials and tours	*Meet all six Eligibility requirements *Average score of 3 or better on Star requirements in every category and have at least a score of 2 on all requirements
Star Locations and Events	Qualify for grants and assistance Will be included in promotional materials and tours Use of the FFNHA logo	*Meet all six Eligibility requirements *Average score of 4 or better on Star requirements and have at least a score of 3 on all requirements *Participate as location/event mentors

Application Packet Contents

Application Process Outline

This lists and explains the steps in becoming a Registered Location or Event

Registered Location and Event Application

This is the form you will fill out and return to the Freedom's Frontier office for review.

Attachments

Forms and information you may need to fill out the application. Includes the FFNHA Map, Property Owner Letter of Agreement, Freedom's Frontier Partner Pledge, Freedom's Frontier Statement of National Significance.



Application Process Outline

Step 1: Complete the FFNHA Visitor Readiness form (available at <http://www.freedomsfrontier.org/partners/siteinfo>). If you completed the Asset Data form (available between 2002 and 2004 for the Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom Feasibility Study) you may need to provide additional information to the FFNHA office. You will be notified by the FFNHA office if this is the case.

Step 2: Complete the Registered Location and Event Application that follows. Mail, fax, or email the completed form to:

Julie Lenger
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
PO Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: 785.856.5300
Fax: 785.856.5303
jlenger@freedomfrontier.org

Step 3: You will be notified of your status via mail or email following your application review.



Registered Location and Event Application

Location or Event Name: _____

Application Preparer: _____

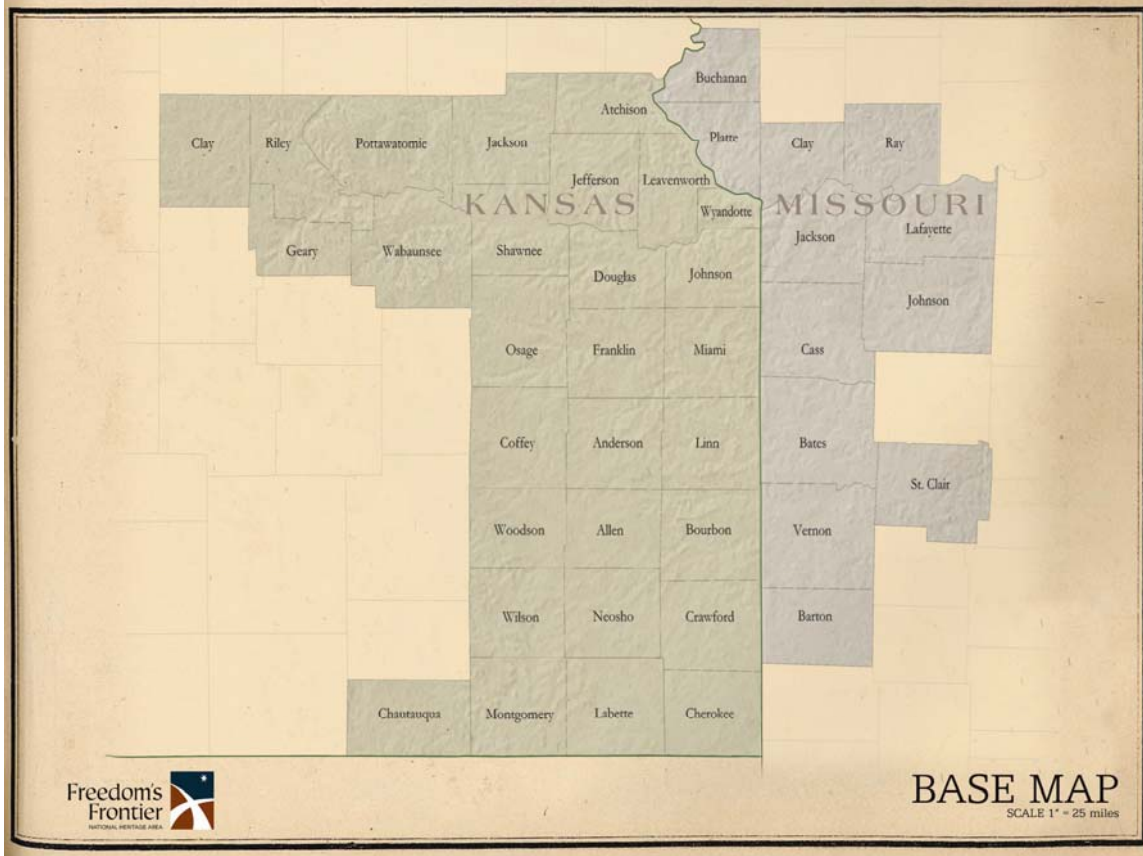
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Eligibility Requirements

- 1. Is this location or event is located within the boundaries of FFNHA?** _____
(Answer *yes* or *no*. Please refer to the FFNHA map and counties list in the attachments to this application packet.)
- 2. Is this location or event is located on private property?** _____
(Answer *yes* or *no*. If you answered *yes* to this question, please sign the **Property Owner Letter of Agreement** included in the attachments to this application packet and return it with your application.)
- 3. Does this location or event lend itself to interpretation?** _____
(Answer *yes* or *no*. Answer *yes* if your location or event is already interpreted or could be interpreted through signage, guided tours, self-guided tours, etc. Answer *no* if this location is inaccessible, lost beyond recognition, or whose story cannot be effectively interpreted in any practical way.)
- 4. Do location or event managers/owners or other responsible individuals agree to work with the Freedom's Frontier organization and other locations and events?** _____
(Answer *yes* or *no*. If managers/owners and responsible individuals have not already signed a **Freedom's Frontier Partner Pledge**, please sign the pledge included in the attachments to this packet and return it with your application. If needed, feel free to photocopy this pledge or download and print more from www.freedomfrontier.org/partners/Partner_Pledge_03.09.pdf so that all responsible individuals may comply with this requirement.)
- 5. Is this location or event related to the FFNHA main theme: "Struggles for Freedom on the Missouri-Kansas Border?"** _____
(Answer *yes* or *no*. Please note that your location or event does not necessarily need to relate to the Missouri-Kansas Border War but must interpret stories related to freedom.)
- 6. Is this location or event related to the FFNHA Statement of National Significance?** _____
(Answer *yes* or *no*. Please review the **Statement of National Significance** included in the attachments to this application packet.)

FREEDOM'S FRONTIER MAP AND COUNTIES



Kansas: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Clay, Coffey, Crawford, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Wilson, Woodson, Wyandotte

Missouri: Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray, St. Clair, Vernon



Property Owner Letter of Agreement

I, _____, owner of the property upon which the
_____ site sits,

Legal description:

_____ I agree to have the site associated with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

_____ Yes, the site will be open to the public.

_____ No, the site is not open to the public.

_____ Interpretive Signage Only – no public access to property

_____ I wish to opt-out and not have my property associated with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

_____ I am willing to have history interpreted at different location, ie: local historical museum.

Property Owner - Please print

Property Owner Signature

Date



PARTNER PLEDGE

As a Partner in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA), the undersigned dedicates himself/herself to join other partners in supporting the region's vision, mission and guiding principles. To uphold the integrity and purpose of the management plan process, the undersigned pledges to work on behalf of the common good of the region and make decisions that validate the intended vision, mission and principles of FFNHA.

VISION FOR 2028

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) is an internationally recognized region in western Missouri and eastern Kansas where a young nation's diverse definitions of freedom collided. Through sharing authentic and honestly interpreted stories, residents respect multiple views of freedom. Compelling learning experiences, interpretation and preservation offer visitors and residents of all ages an understanding of the region's importance. Historically aware citizens collaborate to build diverse economies for current and future generations.

MISSION

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) is dedicated to building awareness of the struggles for freedom in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. These diverse, interwoven and nationally important stories grew from a unique physical and cultural landscape. FFNHA inspires respect for multiple perspectives and empowers residents to preserve and share these stories. We achieve our goals through interpretation, preservation, conservation and education for all residents and visitors.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. We will be tolerant and respectful of diverse stories from multiple perspectives.
2. We will respect property rights.
3. We will focus on authentic and engaging experiences.
4. We will honor the region's peoples, past and present.
5. We will appreciate unique cultural and historical assets within the nationally important landscape.
6. We will invest in community engagement, education and empowerment.
7. We will sustain and grow a sense of place.
8. We will value the natural environment.
9. We will consider future generations in all actions.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Email Address

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip



Statement of National Significance: The Struggles for Freedom on the Missouri/Kansas Border

Extraordinary events in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) forever changed America. In the nineteenth century, the nation turned its eyes to the Missouri/Kansas border, where peoples with diverse definitions of freedom collided, inciting and fueling the Civil War. The impact of these events is forever woven into the nation's fabric.

Shaping the Frontier:

For the half million pioneers who traveled on the Santa Fe, California, Mormon, and Oregon Trails, the Missouri/Kansas border was the jumping off point. In this place where river travel ended, traders, miners, and emigrants purchased provisions and prepared for long overland treks. As they traveled west, many began to see the "permanent" Indian frontier beyond Missouri's western border as an obstacle to Manifest Destiny.

Missouri/Kansas Border War:

When Kansas was opened for settlement in 1854, a border war ensued, capturing the nation's attention. The Kansas-Nebraska Act nullified the uneasy balance established by the Missouri Compromise and left the territory's future slave status in the hands of settlers. The stakes were high for both sides. The violence of the Missouri/Kansas Border War ushered in the Civil War, consumed the region in bloody conflict through war's end, and devastated communities on both sides of the border.

Enduring Struggles for Freedom:

The nation's struggle for freedom did not end with the Civil War. Though the war eliminated clashes over geography, efforts to break down society's barriers continue. Since the Civil War, this place has inspired national policies and ongoing efforts to secure equal freedoms for all Americans.

Freedom's Frontier provides new opportunities for visitors and residents to explore the evolving ideal and fundamental American value of FREEDOM.