

Union of Saints

Heritage and Community Restoration Initiative

The United States Restoration Project recognizes Native American communities, including early tribes, historic settlements, ancestral communities, and the cultural heritage connected to the development of the United States. The initiative seeks to honor both Indigenous and settler histories through preservation, education, respectful community engagement, and long-term investment.

The project supports the establishment of scholarships, housing stipends, food stipends, educational assistance, and other forms of direct community support. These programs may assist students, elders, families, cultural representatives, historians, caretakers, and community members working to preserve heritage and strengthen future generations.

The initiative also supports the development and restoration of heritage sites, cultural centers, memorial spaces, historic gathering places, and educational landmarks. These sites may preserve local history, ancestral knowledge, traditional practices, community stories, artifacts, architecture, and the contributions of early tribes and settlers.

Cemetery-keeping funds may be established to support the respectful care of historic, tribal, family, military, religious, municipal, and community cemeteries. Funding may assist with landscaping, repairs, record preservation, gravestone restoration, accessibility, security, mapping, historical research, and the protection of burial grounds from neglect or destruction.

The project also encourages the creation of new community spaces where people of all generations can gather, learn, socialize, and participate in cultural activities. These spaces may include old-fashioned bowling alleys, community movie theaters, acting theaters, music halls, dance spaces, craft rooms, heritage kitchens, libraries, youth centers, veterans' gathering spaces, educational classrooms, and multipurpose community halls.

Partnerships and regular communication may be developed with well-established historical societies, tribal councils, cultural organizations, genealogical societies, museums, universities, libraries, veterans' groups, faith communities, preservation organizations, and community institutions. These relationships can provide guidance, research support, educational resources, cultural understanding, and opportunities for collaboration.

Community awareness campaigns may be created to promote local history, Native American heritage, ancestral education, cemetery preservation, volunteerism, public safety, cultural respect, and community resilience. Campaigns may include public events, school programs, historical exhibits, documentaries, social media education, newsletters, oral-history projects, walking tours, cultural festivals, and restoration days.

Through these efforts, the United States Restoration Project seeks to preserve the past while creating stronger, safer, and more connected communities. Heritage becomes a

contemporary, thriving community resource when it is protected, taught, shared, and supported through meaningful investment.

Acadian Association:

As part of the United States Restoration Project

Organization Names

- Acadian Heritage Association
- American Acadian Association
- National Acadian Heritage Association
- Acadian Cultural Association of America
- Acadian Preservation Society
- Acadian Heritage and Genealogy Society
- Acadian Historical Association
- Acadian Community Alliance
- Acadian Restoration Association
- Acadian Heritage Foundation
- Acadian Cultural Preservation Council
- Acadian Family Heritage Network

Purpose Statement

Acadian Heritage Association

The Acadian Heritage Association is dedicated to preserving, celebrating, and promoting the history, culture, traditions, genealogy, and contributions of Acadian communities throughout North America. The Association encourages historical research, educational programs, cultural events, cemetery preservation, family history projects, and partnerships with museums, archives, historical societies, Indigenous communities, universities, and local organizations to ensure that Acadian heritage is preserved and shared with future generations.

Potential Programs

- Acadian genealogy and family history assistance
- Scholarships for students studying Acadian history and culture
- Cemetery restoration and preservation

- Historic church and village preservation
- Heritage trail development
- Cultural festivals and music events
- French language preservation initiatives
- Oral history recording projects
- Community archives and museum partnerships
- Historic marker and memorial projects
- Youth leadership and cultural education
- Traditional food and culinary preservation
- Arts, crafts, and storytelling workshops
- Veteran and military heritage recognition
- Community service and volunteer initiatives

Potential Partners

- Local historical societies
- Genealogical societies
- Universities and colleges
- Museums and archives
- Libraries
- Tribal and Indigenous organizations
- State historic preservation offices
- Cultural organizations in the United States and Canada
- French-language cultural organizations

Mission

To preserve and celebrate the rich heritage of the Acadian people through education, genealogy, historical preservation, cultural engagement, community partnerships, and service, ensuring that Acadian traditions and contributions continue to enrich future generations.

Vision

A thriving Acadian community connected by shared heritage, historical understanding, cultural pride, and a commitment to preserving the legacy of Acadian families throughout North America.