

Dahlonge 2000, Inc.
BRONZE HISTORY PLAQUE PROGRAM
FOR DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Thank you for your interest in the preservation of Downtown Dahlonge's commercial district architecture and history!

The Bronze History Plaque Incentive Program is intended to stimulate investment in the preservation of Dahlonge's historic commercial district. Downtown Dahlonge is the historic core of the region and serves as the seat of business, government and service for the community. With architecture ranging from the 1830s to the 1990s, downtown is the heart of the county, and its pedestrian focus and historic buildings invite both residents and visitors. Each downtown building has an individual character, and each building is respected for its unique features, its business history, current condition, and impact on the district.

INCENTIVE AMOUNTS

Dahlonge 2000, Inc. will pay up to 50% of the cost of the bronze history plaque, and the balance of the cost will be a matching amount donated by the property owner. Dahlonge 2000, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit agency, and your donation of 50% of the marker cost may be made as a tax deductible contribution. The total cost of a 12" x 24" marker is \$500, while the total cost of a 24" x 24" marker is \$950. For example, a \$950 bronze marker is eligible for a Dahlonge 2000, Inc. incentive award of \$475, while a \$500 bronze marker is eligible for an incentive award of \$250.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- The history plaque incentive program operates in Downtown Dahlonge, specifically within the locally designated downtown development area within the historic central business district.
- Eligible applicants are downtown commercial property owners, as well as business owners (with the owner's permission). Government buildings and national franchises are not eligible.
- History markers funded with this incentive program will be owned, installed, and maintained by Dahlonge 2000, Inc.
- Dahlonge 2000, Inc. will be responsible for production of the narrative history of the building with the owner's input. Local historian Anne Amerson will be contracted to compose the brief historic narrative for the marker. Dahlonge 2000, Inc. will be responsible for ordering and installing the markers. Dahlonge 2000, Inc. has acquired a volume discount for multiple orders from the bronze marker manufacturer.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE BRONZE HISTORY PLAQUE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- Contact: Joel Cordle, Executive Director of Dahlonge 2000, Inc., Downtown Development Authority/Better Hometown Program, 706-864-6133 for an application package.
- Complete the application forms and submit the package to Joel Cordle.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED AND SELECTED

- Applications are reviewed in the order received.
- Only completed application packages are reviewed; incomplete applications will be returned.

- The history plaque committee will review the application package for completeness, determine eligibility, and provide Dahlonaga 2000, Inc. with priority recommendations based on a standardized point grading system. The Dahlonaga 2000, Inc. board reviews applications, and incentive award notices will be provided to the applicants.

PAYMENT

Property owners will provide their 50% amount of the project cost as a tax deductible gift to Dahlonaga 2000, Inc. before the plaque order is placed with the manufacturer.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF DOWNTOWN
DAHLONEGA'S COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY!*