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Program Overview
National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)

The *vision* of the program is to create a distinctive collection of American roads, their stories and treasured places.

Beartooth Highway
Montana & Wyoming
All-American Road

Source: [https://www fhwa dot gov/byways/byways/2281/photos](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2281/photos)
America’s Byways®

• Designated by the US Secretary of Transportation

• National Scenic Byway or All-American Road

• Based on Intrinsic Qualities
  • Archaeological
  • Cultural
  • Historic
  • Natural
  • Recreational
  • Scenic

• 150 Byways in 46 states

Source: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2144/photos](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2144/photos)

Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway
Oregon
National Scenic Byway
America’s Byways® Website

Choose from the map or list below to find byways in a State.

FHWA is now conducting a one-time solicitation of nominations for designation to America’s Byways®. For more information, read Scenic Byways.

Find Byways

Search near any U.S. location:
Enter a street address or city

Nearby Byways

Finding your location...

America's Byways

America’s Byways® is the umbrella term we use for the collection of **160 distinct and diverse roads** designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. America’s Byways include the National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads.

America’s Byways are gateways to adventures where no two experiences are the same. The National Scenic Byways Program invites you to **Come Closer to America’s heart and soul**.

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/
National Designations

Now soliciting FY 2020 Nominations for designation!

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Previous Designations

• 1996
• 1998
• 2000
• 2002
• 2005
• 2009

Source: [https://www fhwa dot gov/byways/byways/2599/photos](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2599/photos)
Who can submit a nomination?

- Application can originate from anyone (may vary by state)
- Must be nominated by a State, an Indian tribe, or a Federal land management agency (FLMA)
- **Must** be a designated State, Tribal or FLMA byway
- Reciprocal Notification Required

Source: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2161/photos](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2161/photos)

Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway
South Carolina
National Scenic Byway
### Principal Criteria for National Designation

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Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

• Must be adopted before application deadline
• Must be developed with community involvement
• Must include information on the 14 (National Scenic Byway) or 18 (All-American Road) points
• Specific requirements for the CMP can be found in the Nominations Guide
Roles & Responsibilities
Headquarters Role

• Provide overall program and policy direction.
• Solicit and review nominations for designation as one of America's Byways®.
• Prepare decision materials for use by the Secretary of Transportation and the FHWA Administrator.

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Division Office / Federal Lands Role

• Serve as a contact to respond to questions regarding the byways application process

• Notify State Coordinators, FLMAs, & Tribes of important updates and deadlines, including application portal notification emails

• Assist the Scenic Byway Review Team with verifying byway information as questions arise

For a list of Division Office and Federal Lands POCs, please visit: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/contacts/
State Coordinator Role

• Serve as a resource for applicants – Keep your FHWA Division Office POC informed
• Establish internal deadlines for submitting nomination applications for State review
• Review and evaluate online nomination submissions
• Return any incomplete applications to applicants for refinement and resubmission
• Coordinate with other States, Indian tribes and/or Federal land management agencies on multi-jurisdiction applications
• Submit completed applications to FHWA HQ by May 15, 2020
Tribal/Federal Land Management Agency Coordinator Role

• Serve as a resource for applicants – Keep your FHWA Division Office/Federal Lands and State Coordinator POCs informed

• Coordinate with State, Indian tribes, and/or FLMAs to determine who has jurisdiction over the nominated roadway
  • This will impact whether you are able to submit a nomination application directly to FHWA

• Establish internal deadlines for submitting nomination applications for review

• Review and evaluate online nomination submissions

• Return any incomplete applications to applicants for refinement and resubmission

• Submit completed applications to FHWA HQ by May 15, 2020
# 2020 Nomination Schedule

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<td>Quarterly Coordinators Call</td>
<td>April 30, 2020 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST</td>
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<tr>
<td>Byway Nomination Form closes and reviews begin</td>
<td>May 15, 2020</td>
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<td>2020 Scenic Byways Designations announced</td>
<td>Fall 2020</td>
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Program Links

FHWA

- National Scenic Byways Program
- America’s Byways®
- 23 U.S.C. 162
- 1995 Interim Policy
- Nomination Guide
- Nomination Application Questions

External Resources

- National Scenic Byways Foundation
- Scenic America

Source: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2282/photos

Cherohala Skyway
North Carolina & Tennessee
National Scenic Byway
Website Organization
National Scenic Byways Program Website

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/
1. From the Programs menu, Select “Planning, Environment and Realty”
2. Select “Environment” in the top left
3. Select “2020 National Scenic Byways Program” from the “Topics of Special Interest” list on the bottom right.
Key Website Resources

- Nomination resources
- Contacts links
Nomination Resources

- Nomination Form link
- Application Questions – PDF Format
- Nomination Guide
- Intrinsic Qualities
- Important Documents
- Existing Designations

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/nominations/
Intrinsic Qualities

- Archaeological
- Cultural
- Historic
- Natural
- Recreational
- Scenic
Application Questions – PDF Format

• NOT the official application

• 11 page tool to help applicants prepare nominations
  
  • Contains questions asked in the online application tool
  
  • Format similar to online application
  
  • Includes word limits

• Recent updates:
  
  • Local designation required prior to nomination
  
  • # of features to support intrinsic qualities
Nominations Page

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Nominations

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Contacts

For more information, please contact:
1. Danielle Blackshear
2. Wesley Blount
Nominations Application Information

- Detailed guidance on questions for reference when preparing application.
- One page for each of the seven sections of the 7 application sections.
Additional Resources

Important Documents

- Readiness Worksheet
- Image Style Guide
- Legislation and policy text links
- List of existing byways
Designation Readiness Worksheet – FY 2020 America’s Byways® Nomination Cycle

For Your Use Only - Worksheet Not to be Submitted with the Nomination Application.

The Federal Highway Administration has developed this worksheet to help you begin to think about the questions you might be asked on the Nomination Application. The worksheet is a checklist of the questions to help you identify, organize, and prioritize the information you need to provide. The questions may be asked on the Nomination Application, please make sure you provide the information requested in the Nomination Application. Seeking designation requires considerable effort and the collection and presentation of a strong nomination application. Additional attachments beyond those requested in the worksheet are to be used only upon request. Additional attachments beyond those requested in the worksheet are to be used only upon request. It is recommended that you secure the information available to you for designation as one of America’s Byways.

Assessing Our Documentation

☐ We have discussed our interest in seeking national designation with the requirements for submitting a nomination application to them for review.

The Interim Policy (principal policy) and 23 USC 182 (law guiding the NSEB Program) statements are reproduced below each section label.

State, Indian Tribe, Federal Land Management Agency Designation

To be considered for designation, a road must be nominated by a State, an Indian tribe, or a Federal land management agency (U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs) and must be designated as a State scenic byway, an Indian tribe scenic byway, or, in the case of a road on Federal lands, as a Federal land management agency scenic byway. Nomination by Indian tribes: An Indian tribe may nominate a road as a National Scenic Byway only if a Federal land management agency (other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs), a State, or a political subdivision of a State does not have jurisdiction over the road or responsibility for managing the road. An Indian tribe shall maintain the safety and quality of the roads nominated by the Indian tribe.

States, Indian tribes, and Federal land management agencies shall notify each other regarding the nominations made for roads that are within the jurisdictional boundary of the State, Indian tribe or Federal land management agency, or directly connect to roads for which the State, Indian tribe, or Federal land management agency is responsible.

Continguity

An important criteria for both National Scenic Byways and All-America Roads is continuity. Neither should have too many gaps but rather should be as continuous as possible and should minimize intrusions on the visitor’s experience.

Vehicles Accommodated

A road or highway should safely and conveniently accommodate two-wheel-drive automobiles with standard clearances to be considered for designation as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road. In addition, to be considered for All-American Road designation, roads or highways should safely accommodate conventional tour buses. (See Pages 5-7 of this worksheet for discussion of more extensive All-American Road designation requirements."

Provisions for Bikes & Pedestrians

Roads or highways considered for National Scenic Byway and All-American Road designation should accommodate, wherever feasible, bicycle and pedestrian travel.

CMA Available for Submittal

A scenic byways corridor management plan, prepared in accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Interim Policy, should be submitted and approved in order for any road or highway to be considered for National Scenic Byway or All-American Road designation. (See the Interim Policy for more details.) To facilitate review, you will be required to submit this document in electronic form as part of your nomination application.

Verification

- At a minimum, the entire nominated route accommodates two-wheel drive automobiles (unpaved roads, or sections of roads that are proposed for nomination that may be argued may be submitted for consideration for national designation but should meet this criterion).

- Any limitations for RVs or large vehicles are noted.

- Where possible, bicycle and/or pedestrian travel is safely accommodated.

- Discussion available in the following sources:

- Locations we will reference in the nomination application or on a map:

- Notes about CMP, citations, and other planning documents related to corridor planning:

- Information we already have that needs to be collected or translated into an electronic format for:

- Maps of the entire designated route are available.

- Maps indicate corridor boundaries, byway features, points of interest, communities and partners, and gaps in the corridor.

- A summary describing all route segments is available.

- Addresses/intersections and

- Description of route segments and gaps:

- Information we already have that needs to be collected or translated into an electronic format for:

- Maps or information we already have that needs to be converted or scanned into an electronic format for:

- Information we already have that needs to be collected or translated into an electronic format for:
### Byways List

**National Scenic Byways Program**  
**Collection of America’s Byways®**  
**Designated by U.S. Secretary of Transportation**

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Contacts

This section contains information about people related to America’s Byways®.

Program Staff

FHWA HQ
View the contact information for National Scenic Byways Program staff members.

States & FHWA Division Offices

States Contacts
View a list of all States byway coordinators, by State.

Indian Tribes

Indian Tribe Contacts
View a list of contacts for Indian tribe byways.

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Arizona [index]
Online Byway Nomination Form
Access the Online NSBP Byway Nomination Form

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Nominations

Introduction

Under the National Scenic Byways Program, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation recognizes certain roads as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads based on their intrinsic qualities. The Federal Highway Administration promotes the collection as America's Byways®.

NSBP Byway Nomination Form

Use this online tool to submit FY 2020 Nomination Applications for designation to America's Byways®. All nominations must be submitted using the Byway Nomination Form by May 15, 2020.

FY 2020 Nomination Application Questions

This document (PDF – Updated 1/21/2020) is for use as a template to assist with nomination application preparation. It is not the official nomination application, and will not be accepted as part of the final submission.
Byway Nomination Form

Thank you for your interest in nominating a scenic byway. Your nomination must be completed and submitted by 11:59 P.M. ET, May 15, 2020.

Note: Before you start, please consider the following:

- The online Byway Nomination Form contains seven sections. Consider downloading the FY 2020 Nomination Application Questions document from the FHWA NSBP website that lists the questions on the Nomination Form. Edit the PDF to build your responses and then copy and paste the final version of your responses into the online Nomination Form.
- If you are nominating a byway that traverses more than one state, Tribal land, or federal land, you must submit a multi-jurisdiction nomination. For multi-jurisdiction nominations, applicants in each jurisdiction are required to submit individual nomination applications for their portion of the byway. For example, a byway that traverses North Dakota and South Dakota will consist of two nomination applications, one by ND that discusses the ND portion of the byway, the other by SD that discusses the SD portion of the byway. In this example, individuals from ND and SD should refer to the byway on their applications under the same byway name. More about multi-jurisdiction nominations.

Please visit the FHWA National Scenic Byways Program website for more information.

You must log in to proceed. If you don’t have a user ID and password, please register.

- For questions about the FHWA’s National Scenic Byways Program, contact Danielle Blackshear, 202-366-2064.
- For technical issues or questions about the online Byways Nomination Form, contact Gerry Flood, 617-494-3848.
Basic Rules for Users

• Users register and then access the form with a User Name and Password

• Nomination form consists of a Background page plus seven sections (see box to right)

• Some questions require users to upload PDFs, photos/images, and GIS shapefiles

• Users may incrementally complete the nomination (can save drafts of the nomination)

1. Background
2. Essential Information
3. Statement of Qualification
4. Route Information
5. Route Conditions
6. Visitor/Traveler Experience
7. Planning/Sustainability
8. Principal Points of Contact
Who Uses the Form and What are their Roles?

- **Preparer** fills-in the form and submits the completed nomination

- **Signatory** (or does not endorse) the nomination; your State, Tribal, or FLMA Coordinator

- **FHWA Division Point of Contact** acts as a resource to the Preparer, Signatory, or others when requested, as needed

- **Primary Point of Contact** acts as a resource (to the signatory, FHWA); has in-depth knowledge about the nomination

- **FHWA Byways Team** oversees 2020 nomination cycle activity and can answer questions about the National Scenic Byway Program

*Responsibility of the Preparer to identify these individuals in the nomination form.*
Online Submission Process

Preparer Starts a Nomination → Submits Nomination

To Signatory (State, Tribe, or Federal Lands Agency)

Endorse → To FHWA HQ for Review

Revise (return to Applicant)

Do Not Endorse → Nomination Does Not Move Forward

To Byway Primary Point of Contact

System Email
# Nomination Portal

## National Scenic Byways Program

### Nomination Portal

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Demo of online Byway Nomination Form
Technical Support

Any technical issues or questions related to the online application, contact:

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Questions?

George Washington Memorial Parkway
Virginia
All-American Road

Great River Road
Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Wisconsin
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