

Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA

The Norfolk & Southern Historical Society Award

1) What is the award?

The Norfolk & Southern Historical Society Award is an award presented at the 2026 MER convention that addresses a topic, idea, modeling challenge for consideration by model builders and contest room entrants to provide a response.

2) Sponsors:

The Norfolk & Southern Historical Society Award is sponsored by the Norfolk & Southern Historical Society.

3) Who can compete for the award?

Any NMRA/MER member in good standing who chooses to enter an appropriate model in the official NMRA/MER sponsored evaluated model contest at the 2026 MER convention may compete for this award. A member can also compete for this award by bringing an appropriate model to be evaluated for the Achievement Program only.

4) Modeling Parameters:

The Norfolk & Southern Historical Society Award shall be for a model of a prototype from the old, original Norfolk & Southern Railroad between the years of 1883-1974. This includes any rolling stock, MoW/non-revenue maintenance cars, locomotives (steam/diesel), electric and/or railbuses that rode on the rails. This includes any predecessor lines that were merged or bought into the railroad. This also includes any leased lines, such as the Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad.

5) How the contest will be Evaluated and the winner chosen:

The Evaluating guidelines will be those established by the NMRA for the model contest and the AP Program. Any appropriate model can also qualify for this award if it is being evaluated only for the Achievement Program at this convention, and is not an entry in the model contest.

6) The Norfolk & Southern Historical Society Award (operations and award):

Once the winning entry has been decided, the sponsors of the award will contact the winner. At the official MER awards ceremony, the Norfolk & Southern Historical Society Award will be presented to the winner. The award will be handed out when the other special awards are distributed. This award will be presented by a representative from the Norfolk & Southern Historical Society. If this is not possible, the MER General Contest Chairman, or someone he or she designates, can announce and hand out the award.

7) Sponsors (Organization and Contact persons) and Funding:

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8) Time limit for this award:

The sponsors of this award understand that in order for it to be placed into the special awards given at a MER sponsored convention this award must be approved by the MER Board of Directors. If approved, the award can be given at the 2026 MER convention, Tracks to Tidewater.