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Senior High School Counselors and Advisors:

The Annual Texas History Essay Scholarship Awards Program

Each year The Sons of the Republic of Texas announces the Texas History Essay Scholarship Awards Program. We encourage Senior High School Students to write a Texas History Essay and enter to win one of three college scholarships. This is a great opportunity for seniors to earn additional funds for their college education.

Please help your senior students by encouraging them to begin writing their Texas History Essay right away. The contest period starts on September 1, 2018 and ends January 31, 2019.

We provide "Tips for Winning Essays" along with examples for the students to follow. By following these instructions, we believe the students increase their chances of having a winning essay.

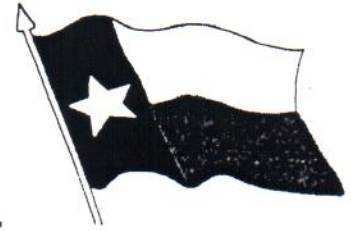
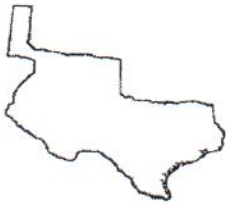
Enclosed you will find the information on our Scholarship Program. If you have questions, please call SRT headquarters (979) 245-6644, or email at aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net and Janet Knox, the Administrative Assistant will be glad to assist you.

Thank you for continuing to encourage your students to participate in the Sons of the Republic of Texas Scholarship Program. We have been helping students further their college education for over seventy five years. The Topic this year is "The Life of Mirabeau B. Lamar 1798-1859, The Father of Texas Education."

Denton Bryant, KSJ

Denton Bryant, KSJ, Chairman
Texas History Essay Award Committee
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TEXAS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

SPONSOR: The Sons of the Republic of Texas

ELIGIBILITY:

Graduating Seniors in any High School or Home School may enter. Senior students in History, English and Government classes are encouraged to participate.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

The authors of the three best essays submitted will be the scholarship winners if the essays warrant. In the event of a tie, the winners will be determined based on academic achievements. The winners will be recognized by The Sons of the Republic of Texas at the Annual San Jacinto Day Celebration at the San Jacinto Monument. The Awards will be scholarships to attend the college of each winners' choice.

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| FIRST AWARD | \$ 4,000.00 |
| SECOND AWARD | \$ 3,000.00 |
| THIRD AWARD | \$ 2,000.00 |

PURPOSE:

The uniqueness of Texas and Texans is recognized around the world. The purpose of the Texas History Essay Contest program is:

(First) To encourage students to explore the pioneer spirit of Texas on the early-day frontier, their methods of accomplishing their goals under very difficult circumstances, and the results of their efforts that we can see today.

(Second) To assist and encourage graduating seniors to pursue their education at an institution of higher learning. It is hoped that the topic chosen will inspire the thinking of our youth, who will assume the responsibility of leadership for the conduct of our affairs on local, state, national and international levels in the near future.

TOPIC:

Each year, students are invited to submit essays reflecting their research and study of our Texas History and its relevance to the development of Texas. The year 2018-2019 topic will be:

“The Life of Mirabeau B. Lamar 1798-1859; The Father of Texas Education.”

RULES:

Essays are to be no fewer than 1500 words nor more than 2500 words in length (excluding endnotes and bibliography, and must be computer generated, double spaced, on one side only of 8 ½” x 11” paper. Quotations from other writers are encouraged but must be acknowledged in bibliography. Essays will be screened for plagiarism using standard software designed for this purpose. The application must be filled out completely, including academic information.

1. Each contestant must submit an original and four (4) photo copies of their Essay for the judges (five in all) including a CD copy with contestant's name, address, phone number and year of the contest and

2. A copy of the application should be attached to each of the five (5) copies of the Essay submitted.

The student must follow the format of the Chicago Manual of Style or Turabian's Manual for Writers. Endnotes should be listed on one page and all references cited should be on a separate page. Information must come from a reliable published source (Books/Magazines) and students must acknowledge the author and publisher. Two internet sources are acceptable. All Essays submitted become the exclusive property of The Sons of the Republic of Texas.

CRITERIA:

The criteria used by the judges in selecting the winners will be based on a system that accurately scores the essays such as historical accuracy and content, writing quality (spelling & grammar), research references, bibliography, endnotes and whether the student followed instructions. In the event of a tie, the winners will be determined based on academic achievements.

In the administration of the Texas History Essay Contest, The Sons of the Republic of Texas does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, color, disability, nationality or ethnicity.

DEADLINE:

Entries must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2019. The original essays and four copies along with a CD copy should be sent to The Sons of the Republic of Texas, 1717 8th Street Bay City, Texas 77414.

TEXAS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

TIPS FOR WINNING ESSAYS 2018 – 2019

1. Set your goal to write a historically accurate essay following the specific instructions provided.
2. Start early and schedule time for search and writing. (September through December)
3. Thoroughly research your topic using books, newspapers, magazines and don't depend on the internet alone. **Only two internet sources are allowed.**
4. Use your library and ask the staff for advice.
5. Visit historic sites in person and interview knowledgeable history professionals. Arrange to take a guided tour of the site.
6. Use a picture to illustrate a point in your essay if appropriate.
7. Use Spell-check and check your grammar, facts, dates, footnotes and bibliography for accuracy.
8. Properly give credit to your research sources in your notes and bibliography. Essay is checked for plagiarism.
9. Ask your teachers and advisors for suggestion and advice. Rewrite your essay to make your final improvements.
10. Submit your essay well ahead of the required date of January 31st.

EXAMPLE OF ENDNOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY TO BE USED AS GUIDE

Please Note: Many authors use multiple sources for a paragraph (see endnote 3 and 4) and place the endnote at the end of the paragraph. You may not use "ibid," with multiple sources. The word "ibid" refers to a single source only; therefore, footnote 6 is correct since footnote 5 has only one source.

USING UNDERLINING:

ENDNOTES:

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TEXAS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR
ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Current Mailing Address:

Street Address City State Zip

Residence Phone# _____; Email address _____

Parent's name and address (if different from applicant) the check must be made out to the parent
in the event that the applicant is one of the winners.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

High School Name _____

High School Address _____

High School Telephone Number _____

Faculty/Counselor Sponsor _____

Sponsor Telephone Number _____

Academic Grade Point Average _____

Rank In Class _____ SAT _____ ACT _____

Academic Honors/ Awards/ Achievements _____

Proposed College Major Field of Study _____

Address of College or University attending: _____