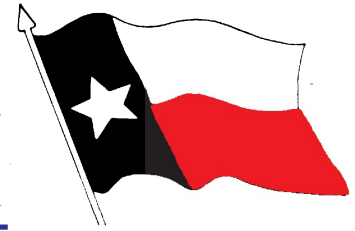


The Sons of the Republic of Texas



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.

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 2025-2026 topic will be:

“Tejano, Heros in Revolt for Texas Independence “

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 six (6) photo copies of their Essay for the judges (seven in all) including a CD or Flash Drive copy with contestant's name, address, phone number and year of the contest.

2. A copy of the application should be attached to each of the Seven (7) 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, 2026. 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.

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TEXAS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

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: _____