

Lee County Genealogical Society High School Youth Award

- Open to all juniors and seniors in Lee County
- \$500 award to be presented May 17, 2017

Submission Requirements:

- ▶ Entry must be an original unpublished work in English, becomes the property of LCGS and will not be returned.
- ▶ Entry must be based on applicant's personal research of a family's history.
- ▶ Entry must be the original, unpublished work of the applicant.
- ▶ Entry must contain a one page **4-generation ancestor chart** with the applicant as the first generation and tracing the direct line/adoptive line back 3 generations. Applicant should refer to the ancestor chart link above.
- ▶ The applicant must select one person from each generation in a direct line/adoptive line from the applicant and submit a **printed biographical essay, infographic, or Powerpoint** on that person for a total of 3 biographies. Each biography should include the birth date and location, names of parents/adoptive parents and sibling(s), marriage date(s) and locations(s), divorce date(s) and locations, death date(s) and locations(s), spouse(s), and names of children with pertinent information. Other related information may include occupation, places of residence, religious affiliation, schools attended, and military service, as well as relevant historical events that may have affected the person. Applicants may submit **any** combination of biographies; i.e. three of the same kind, one of each kind, etc.
- ▶ Entry must contain a **family group sheet** for the family of each person selected for a biographical essay. There should be a family group sheet for each marriage if the selected person had more than one marriage. Applicant should refer to the family group sheet link above.
- ▶ If a biography is about a living person, the entry must include an authorization letter signed by the person in which permission has been given to present the information.

Additional biography guidelines:

Essays should not exceed two pages in length, should be single-spaced with 1" margins and 12 point font.

Infographics should be one page and can be generated on numerous free Internet sites such as easel.ly, canva.com, etc.

Powerpoints should be 5 to 8 slides per biography and should be printed out 4 slides per page.

Supporting Evidence: (**NO** originals or personal financial information should be included.)

- Must accompany entry
- Must be documented. Information regarding proper documentation with selected examples may be found by using the link provided on the LCGS website.
- Must identify original sources (book title, author, page number, microform title, number, and repository). Applicant should use acceptable citation protocols: APA, MLA, etc.
- May include photocopies from books or microform or documentation of statements of facts from interviews.
- Documentation of biographical information must be provided on a separate page (no footnotes) listing the sources of documentation following each of the three biographies. The copies of the supporting evidence should be placed after the source documentation page for each essay.
- Suggested references for genealogical research may be found by using the link found on the LCGS website.

Entry Checklist:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. 4-Generation Ancestor Chart
4. Family information for each selected ancestor (3 sections)
5. Family Group sheet for each ancestor
6. Biographies: Essay, Infographic, Powerpoint (3 of any combination)
7. Supporting Evidence and Source Citations
8. Copies of photos, documents and other supporting information

Entries will be judged on their adherence to submission guidelines, creativity, content, and correct spelling and grammar. Entries should not only provide information on ancestor's birth and death, but also display an insight into the person's personality, distinguishing characteristics, impact on others, decisions, and other interesting contributions.

▶ **Submission deadline: February 28, 2017.**

Technical questions regarding submissions should be directed to Ken Weaver, Interim Education Chair, by emailing him at kenneth.n.weaver@gmail.com or by calling him at 239-243-9414.

Entries may be submitted either by mail using the address below or electronically in PDF format using the link on the HS Youth Award page.

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