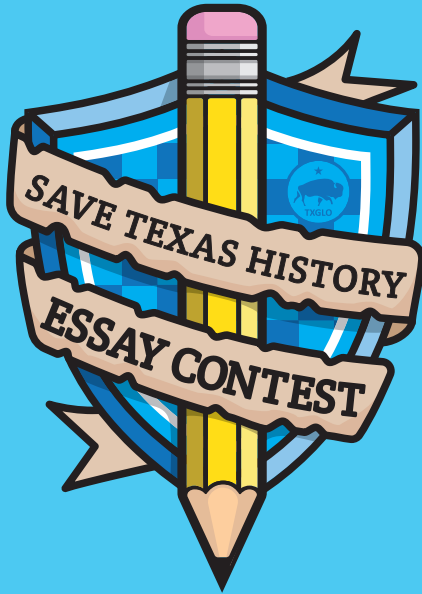


Essay question: “What history in your community is worth saving?”

One grand prize winner from each grade level will receive a \$500 gift card, and ten finalists, five from each grade, will receive a \$100 gift card. All winners and finalists will also receive a Save Texas History backpack and t-shirt, a Certificate of Achievement signed by Commissioner Bush, and additional items from the Texas General Land Office and our essay sponsors.

All entries must be received by 11:59 PM, November 30, 2021



ELIGIBILITY:

All public, private and home-schooled students of appropriate age for fourth and seventh grades may participate.

GUIDELINES:

The student should address the question, "What history in your community is worth saving?" The student's name should not appear on any portion of the essay. The submission should be accompanied by the signed contest entry form. Electronic and paper submissions are acceptable.



SPONSORED BY

Chris Cantu of Edward Jones Investments, Buck Cole, and Sons of the Republic of Texas, Moses Austin Chapter.

What history in your community is worth saving?

Each of us can point to something in our neighborhood, town, or city that's worth saving, whether it's a building, a business, an organization, a public space, or a cultural event. Every community in Texas is unique and has its own history, including yours!

INCLUDE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AUTHORS, PUBLICATION TITLES AND DATES FOR ALL SOURCES USED. FOR ONLINE SOURCES, LIST THE FULL URL OF EACH PAGE USED.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Creativity: Is the story told in a compelling way? **40%**
Informative: Is the essay factual and interesting? **30%**
Grammar/ Spelling **15%**
Organization/ Neatness **15%**

EVALUATION:

Essays will be evaluated by experienced educators and graded based on 4th and 7th grade skill and knowledge levels.

4TH GRADE

- 400 - 500 Words
- Typed or handwritten in essay format
- Include original title
- Bibliography as separate page required

7TH GRADE

- 750 - 1,000 Words
- Typed **ONLY**, in essay format
- Include original title
- Bibliography as separate page required

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL:

Texas General Land Office
Attn: Archives & Records
PO Box 12873
Austin, TX 78711-2873

— OR —

ELECTRONICALLY:

essaycontest@glo.texas.gov
(PDF FORMAT ONLY)

PRIZES!

One grand prize winner from each grade level will receive a \$500 gift card, and ten finalists, five from each grade, will receive a \$100 gift card. All winners and finalists will also receive a Save Texas History backpack and t-shirt, a Certificate of Achievement signed by Commissioner Bush, and additional items from the Texas General Land Office and our essay sponsors.



Save Texas History Essay Contest

Entries must be received by November 30, 2021

Winners will be announced by December 10, 2021

Student Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Parent / Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent / Guardian Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zipcode _____

School Name _____ City _____ Zipcode _____

Teacher Name _____ Teacher Email _____

***All fields are required**

I, _____ (parent/guardian) give _____ (student)

permission to enter their essay in the Save Texas History Essay Contest. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) or its agents may use the attached essay entry and my child's name and likeness for Save Texas History purposes including advertising, publicity, and other media. Entries will be the property of the GLO and will not be returned. Entrants are encouraged to save a copy of their submission and to email essaycontest@glo.texas.gov or call 512.463.5277 to verify receipt by the GLO. I understand that certain winners may be invited to attend Save Texas History events. Participation in such events is voluntary and travel expenses will not be reimbursed if the winner or finalists choose to attend. Damaged, plagiarized, incomplete, lost, or late entries are not eligible. Household family members of GLO employees are not eligible. The parent or guardian of the winner is solely responsible for all taxes on prizes and must meet eligibility requirements as determined by the contributors. This contest is void where prohibited.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Submit Entries:

By Mail: Texas General Land Office

Attn: Archives & Records / STH Essay Contest

P.O. Box 12873

Austin, TX 78711-2873

Electronically: (PDF Format Only)

essaycontest@glo.texas.gov

Questions? Please contact: essaycontest@glo.texas.gov