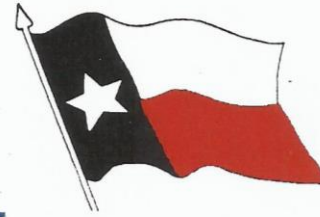


# The Sons of the Republic of Texas



## TEXAS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

### 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 in LaPorte, Texas on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Awards will be scholarships to attend the college of each winners' choice.

<b>FIRST AWARD</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
<b>SECOND AWARD</b>	<b>\$3000.00</b>
<b>THIRD AWARD</b>	<b>\$2000.00</b>

### 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 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 2024-2025 topic will be:

**“Stephen F. Austin-The Father of Texas”**

### 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 8.5” x 11” paper. Quotations from other writers are encouraged but must be acknowledged in bibliography. Essays will be careened for plagiarism and A.I. using standard software designed for this purpose. The application must be filled out completely, including academic information.

1. **Each contestant must submit an original copy and five (5) photocopies of their Essay for the judges (six in all). On the 5 copies please do not include any personal names or other identifying information to help maintain the writer’s information anonymity for our judges. Please include a CD or Flash Drive with an Essay copy and contestant’s name, address, phone number and year of the contest.**

2. **A copy of the application should be attached to each of the six (6) copies of the Essay submitted.**

The student must follow the format of the Chicago Manual of Style or Turabian’s Manual for Writer. 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. All internet/online sources must be primary sources in the form of books, essays, papers, letter, Indian papers, diaries, personal writings, including primary source digitalized copies from libraries and museums. All online sources must be properly listed in the endnote and biblioegy.

**All essays submitted become the exclusive property of the The Sons of the Republic of Texas.**

### DEADLINE:

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2025.** The original essay and five photocopies along with a CD or thumb drive should be sent to The Sons of the Republic of Texas, 1717 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Bay City, Texas 77414