



2020 ESSAY CONTEST

Exploring Favorite Pursuits



Call for original, literary non-fiction essays that research, analyze, and use critical thinking processes to create an authentic paper in a narrative story format; including characterizations and personalizing. Consider hobbies or past-time leisure activities that have made a difference in your life or someone else's life.

SUBJECT CONTENT

Topics of possible subject content and based on your perception, to create original work:

- Identify a prominent person in your community, family, or in U.S. History and explore their favorite pursuits. Interview them, if possible, and do research to find out why they enjoy this activity. Why does it stand out?
- Find a prominent person whose interests are similar to yours. If possible, interview them and research about their hobby or activity. What are favorite items they have collected in pursuing this? Is it like your collection?
- President Bush greatly enjoyed fishing, boating, and playing horseshoes. He also loved baseball and kept his mitt in the Oval Office's desk drawer. Both President and Mrs. Bush enjoyed writing letters as well as books.
- In researching your hobby, consider its history and transformations. Who has provided leadership in the hobby? Ex. In baseball, Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play in Major League
- Many people have collections. One may collect stamps, rocks, books, or games (gaming) just to name a few. Another personal activity and hobby is to build models: robotics, trains, villages, etc.
- If you have a musical passion, you may enjoy performing or creating music or collecting instruments. Music topics to research and consider online: <https://www.rockhall.com/louder-words-rock-power-politics-0> "Louder Than Words" Exhibit at the Bush Museum, March 2, 2020 – January 3rd, 2021.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Family members of employees of the George & Barbara Bush Foundation and the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum are not eligible.

- Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and will disqualify an entry.

- Students in grades K - 12 throughout 15 counties of Texas Education Service Center Region 6 are eligible.

- The Bush Library retains the right to use entries. One entry per student per contest.

- Essays must be screened by school teachers or homeschool parents.

- **ONLINE SUBMISSIONS:** <https://www.bush41.org/education/art-and-essay-contest>

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF THE DAY MARCH 3rd.

Required to upload essay(s) when making submission.

- **FOR DELIVERY ONSITE:** Wed., March 4th and Thurs., March 5th, 2020 (Final Postmark)

2 – 7 p.m. at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum (Refreshments Provided)

- **OR MAIL ENTRIES TO** (Last Postmark 03/05): George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

Attn: Education Department

1000 George Bush Drive West

College Station, TX 77845



● For more information,

Call: Dr. Shirley Hammond at 979.691.4013

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Visit: <https://www.bush41.org/education/art-and-essay-contest>

FORMAT

- Format: Typed, Arial font, double-spaced, one-inch margins; works cited of all sources on attached page(s)
- Length Requirements:
 - Grades 9-12: 5-6 pages NOT including reference pages. Minimum 1,200 words and an average of 1,500 words.
 - Grades 6-8: 2-3 full pages plus reference page.
 - Grades 4 and 5: 1-2 full pages plus reference page.
- Cover page: Student's name, grade, teacher, school, and title of essay. Additional pages: title and page number upper right corner.

JURORS

Warren Finch, Director

Barbara Orville, Education Volunteer

Shirley Hammond, Education Director

AWARDS

- (4) First place, grades 9-12: \$100
 - (4) First place, grades 6-8: \$75
 - (4) First place, grades 4-5: \$50
- Trophies for first, second, third place and honorable mention in each grade category.

High school essay contest entrants will be entered in the 2020 Young Spurs Writing Contest (Learn more at <http://www.themayborn.com/young-spurs-writing-contest>).

Meet authors and hone your writing abilities if selected.

Please indicate your interest in this opportunity: YES NO
(If no, then your essay will not be entered in the Young Spurs Writing Contest.)

AWARDS CEREMONY

- The Awards Ceremony for the Art and Essay Contests will be Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Library Conference Center's Frymire Auditorium.
- The 2020 Outstanding Educator Awards will be presented with appreciation for consistently supporting the enrichment and creativity of students through outstanding dedication, inspiration and encouragement above and beyond the classroom.
- THIS CONTEST IS FUNDED BY THE GEORGE & BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION WITH TROPHIES PROVIDED BY AWARDS & MORE OF BRYAN.
- All students and parents/guardians must sign and date the permission slip below. Please attach a copy of the permission slip to the back of the entry and provide the Bush Library and Museum with the signed original.

PERMISSION SLIP

I hereby agree to:

1. Submit my original work to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum for critiquing and judging.
2. Permit the Bush Library and Museum to display, reproduce or use my original work for any purpose.
3. Grant permission to the Bush Library to list the student's name, grade, school and I.S.D. in future use.
4. Grant and convey title of my work to the Bush Library and Museum, as required.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student's Name (Please Print): _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Teacher: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____