** Flora Wertheim Essay Contest Application**

**Please return completed application to:**

**Pioneer Museum**

**325 W Main**

**Fredericksburg, TX 78624**

**or email** [**eweinheimer@pioneermuseum.org**](mailto:eweinheimer@pioneermuseum.org)**.**

**Essay with application must be delivered or mailed to arrive at the Museum Office by 5pm on April 3, 2024 to be considered for the contest.**

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**Currently attending what school?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please affirm the following by signing below:**

**I am a resident of Gillespie County.**

**I am a high school senior (or the equivalent) and will enroll in freshman courses at an accredited institution of higher learning within a year of my graduation.**

**I have read and agree to all the requirements of the contest to be found online at** <https://pioneermuseum.org/flora-wertheim-scholarship/>.

**I understand the criteria for how my essay will be judged, and I understand that the decision of the judges is final.**

**I understand that the essay is to be entirely my own composition, and I will properly credit all quoted sources.**

**Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Questions? We invite you to call us at 830-990-8441.**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**Essays may be about the general sweep of Fredericksburg history, or they may be more specific about a key aspect of the founding, growth, and development of the town. They must be between 1,000 – 1,500 words, 12-point Times New Roman font and double spaced.**

**RESOURCES**

**Applicants are encouraged to use the resources of the Gillespie County Historical Society and/or source material from our website**[**www.pioneermuseum.org**](https://www.pioneermuseum.org/)**. However, it should be noted that all essays are to be the original work of the applicant.**

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**Applicants are invited to contact our Archivist, Evelyn Weinheimer, at (830) 997-2835 or**[**eweinheimer@pioneermuseum.org**](mailto:eweinheimer@pioneermuseum.org)**, to set an appointment for research or to discuss possible essay topics. Mrs. Weinheimer is herself a native of Fredericksburg, and a long-time educator in the FISD, and she can assist with research in primary source documents held in collection by the Gillespie County Historical Society.**

**JUDGING**

**Judges are selected by the Gillespie County Historical Society based on their knowledge of local history and of good writing techniques.**

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**Essay Contest Winners will be selected on the following criteria:**

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1. **Topic selection – Does the writer demonstrate understanding of the assignment?**
2. **Originality – Has the writer been creative in the treatment of the topic?**
3. **Accuracy – Has the writer double-checked his/her statements of fact?**
4. **Tone – Does the essay convey enthusiasm for local history?**
5. **Style – Does the writer show a command of good writing style that draws in the reader?**
6. **Mechanics – Does the writer show attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation?**

**SUBMISSION AND WINNERS**

**Completed essays must be delivered by 5pm on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 to the Pioneer Museum at 325 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, or emailed in .doc or .pdf format to**[**eweinheimer@pioneermuseum.org**](mailto:eweinheimer@pioneermuseum.org)**.**

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**​The scholarship funds will be made in the winner’s name to the accredited institution upon receipt of proof of enrollment.**