

Mercersburg's "Kids Love History" Scholar Program announces a

Two
Ways
To Win

History Writing Contest

Over
\$1,000
In Prizes!

Open to all students enrolled or recently graduated (2012) from the Tuscarora School District including students who are home schooled. The goal of the Scholar Program is to further students' knowledge of local historical events and to encourage them to explore how these events are applicable to their everyday lives.

There are two ways to win:

One – Write a **book report** on the recently published Journey to Gettysburg – One Family's Civil War by Robert J. Trout. This work of historical fiction examines the life of the Scott Family and their reaction to the raid on Mercersburg by General J.E.B. Stuart in 1862. The report should be based on how the events of that day changed the lives of the Scott family, specifically the children, Ruth and Tom Scott. Journey to Gettysburg is available for loan or purchase at the Fendrick Library. It can also be purchased at Modnur's Pharmacy or online from Amazon.com.

Two – Write an **essay** on Mercersburg's Justice William Smith (who many say, in 1765, formulated the principles that "ended British rule in America"). Discuss how Justice Smith and his ideas are tied to the "revolutionary" activities on the Boston Commons in 1775. Some websites helpful in research are: www.smithrebellion1765.com and www.savesmithhouse.com.

Book Report Contest

1st prize \$200.00

2nd prize \$100.00

3rd prize \$50.00

Prize for a student 5th grade or younger - \$50.00

Essay Contest

1st prize \$400.00

2nd prize \$200.00

3rd prize \$100.00

- Prizes in both contests will be awarded on the basis of originality of thought, spelling, grammar, and adherence to contest rules.
- All prizes will be awarded at a ceremony at the Lions Mercersburg Fair on the evening of August 18, 2012. Winners need not be present to receive award.

See submission guidelines, rules & regulations on other side.

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Submission Guidelines, Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be original works, in English. Plagiarism, which includes the use of third-party poetry, song lyrics, characters or another person's ideas, without written permission or proper acknowledgment will result in disqualification.
2. To be eligible, entries must be works of prose, from 350 to 1,000 words in length. Entries must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" white paper, double spaced, with numbered pages. Email submissions may be in .doc, .docx or .pdf format.
3. Each entry must have a cover page with the title of the work, the author's name, full mailing address, telephone number and email address. Each subsequent page must carry the title and a page number, but NOT the author's name or any other information that may serve to identify the author.
4. Submissions may be mailed or delivered to the Fendrick Library by closing time August 1st 2012. Fendrick Library, 20 North Main Street, Mercersburg, PA 17236. They may also be submitted electronically to: kids@kidslovehistory.org. Include Entry Form below with submissions.
5. Each entrant may submit only one entry per contest.
6. No entry fee is required.
7. Kids Love History Scholar Program reserves the right to use entries for promotional purposes. All other rights to the entries remain the property of the author.
8. All entries are final. No revisions will be accepted.
9. Judging panel will be comprised of professionals unaffiliated with Kids Love History Scholar Program. The decisions of the judges are entirely their own, and are final.

Winners will be individually notified of the results by phone or email by August 15, 2012.

ENTRY FORM

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title of Submission: _____

YES, I am an enrolled or home school student in the Tuscarora School District or a 2012 graduate.