



**Tracy Historical Museum/
West Side Pioneer Association**

Community History Scholarship

Tracy Historical Museum/West Side Pioneer Association (THM/WSPA)
Scholarship Program Description

Two (2) \$500 Scholarships: Graduating seniors planning to attend a 2 year or 4 year college with a demonstrated interest in local Tracy history

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017

a. General Purpose of Scholarship –

To recognize Tracy area graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated an interest or involvement with the history of the Tracy community.

b. Eligibility Requirements

1. Senior on track to graduate in May/June of current school year
2. Enrolled in public high school located within Tracy Unified High School District Boundaries and lives within TUSD High School District boundaries
3. Plan to attend accredited 2 year or 4 year college as full time student in Fall following graduation
4. Demonstrated interest in local Tracy history

c. Application Process - Submission Deadline - March 31, 2017

1. Submit complete application with Local History paper/essay/project by hard copy and email by deadline.
2. Submit applications to:
Scholarship Committee
Tracy Historical Museum
1141 Adams Street, Tracy, CA 95376
tracymuseum@sbcglobal.net, 209-832-7278

d. Award Selection Factors

1. Extent of demonstrated interest in local history
2. Uniqueness and originality of the history documented
3. Quality of the presentation

Papers/essays/projects will be placed in the Museum archives and may be reprinted in the Museum Newsletter.

e. Scholarship Award Distribution Guidelines and Conditions of Award

All applicants will be notified in writing of the determinations by the end of the school year. It is the target to announce award recipients before high school awards night ceremonies.

Please see Application Form for more information.

TRACY HISTORICAL MUSEUM/WEST SIDE PIONEER ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM – March 31, 2017 deadline

Extensive responses are not required; however, attach a separate page(s) for narrative answers if needed.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (First, MI, Last): _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____
Current Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ email: _____

II. HIGH SCHOOL

High School Name: _____ Grade: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

III. COLLEGE

1. Indicate if you have been accepted and made your final decision about which college to attend. If not yet accepted or made a decision, list the top three college(s) where you applied.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. What is your intended major or area of study:

3. What is your degree objective: _____

IV. ACADEMICS/COMMUNITY

1. List special classes you have taken or projects you have completed (e.g., high school academies, honors programs, senior projects):

2. List school activities that you have participated in during high school (e.g., clubs, leadership, sports, special classes/academies):

V. LOCAL HISTORY ACTIVITIES

1. Describe your involvement in Local Tracy History. You must have at least 1 of the following activities/projects to be eligible to apply. Check all that apply:

I volunteered with Tracy Historical Museum/West Side Pioneer Association (WSPA)/Tracy Historical Museum or other local history project.

I completed a Local History paper or project in school.

I wrote an essay on a Local Tracy History topic as a special activity.

2. If you volunteered, describe the type, and amount of volunteer hours with the Museum or other group and what you learned from the experience.

3. If you completed a history paper or project in school, or you wrote a Local Tracy History essay as a special activity, state the Title of your paper, essay or project and why you selected this topic.

VI. APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Please include the following with your application packet:

1. Complete signed application form.

2. Paper/essay/project for consideration. **If you are submitting a paper or essay, submit in hard copy and by email in WORD format.**

I certify that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of information to verify information in this application. I agree that my paper/essay/project may be placed in the Museum archives and may be reprinted in the Museum's newsletter.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE – March 31, 2017

Your complete signed application with your papers, essay or project must be **postmarked or delivered to the Museum by the March 31, 2017 deadline**. Papers or essays must also be **emailed by the March 31, 2017 deadline**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Because the Museum is not open every day, contact the Museum at least a week prior to the deadline for questions or to make special arrangements for submission prior to the deadline.

Submit applications to:

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PAPER/ESSAY/PROJECT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Papers or essays should:
 - a. Include title, name and date on the first page or title page
 - b. Include identifying footer with author or title and page number on each page
 - c. Be at least 2 pages typed, double spaced (about 750 words), not including copies of pictures or documents if any. There is no maximum length.
 - d. Include Works Cited or research References used
2. Submit hard copy by mail or hand deliver to the Museum **and EMAIL in WORD format to tracymuseum@sbcglobal.net.**
3. If you are submitting a project, please provide original/copy with the application or arrange delivery to the Museum or other review as applicable by the application deadline. **Projects should be labeled with title, name and date and include a narrative explanation of the project and its relevance to Local Tracy History.** Projects will be returned after review if requested.
4. The extent of demonstrated interest in local history, the uniqueness and originality of the history documented, and the quality of the research and presentation will be factors in selection.

POSSIBLE LOCAL TRACY HISTORY TOPICS

For papers, essays and projects, any topic of local history may be identified. Following are some ideas, but it is not an exhaustive list and it is provided only to start your thinking.

With resources generally available within the Tracy Historical Museum, possible topics include the following:

1. The continuation and new histories of ethnic Tracyites
2. Tracy history during the Great Depression
3. History of 1920s Tracy Poker City
4. History of Tracyites in WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Afghan and Gulf Wars
5. History of Tracy Athletes
6. History of Tracy during the civil rights and women's movements of the 1960s
7. History of Farm Workers in Tracy
8. History of Tracy Airport
9. History of 1918 Spanish Influenza in Tracy
10. History of corporate farming in Tracy
11. History of Tracy Schools
12. History of Tracy Churches
13. Political and City Government History in Tracy
14. The Social Impact of railroads on Tracy's History
15. The Indigenous Tribal History of Tracy

Using resources primarily outside the Tracy Historical Museum, possible topics include the following:

1. Personal Family histories
2. Oral histories of individual; Tracyites
3. Architectural histories of buildings and businesses in Tracy
4. History of social and community organizations in Tracy
5. History of parks in Tracy
6. History of crime in Tracy
7. History of Media in Tracy
8. History of North Side and South Sides in Tracy
9. Racial and ethnic history in Tracy
10. History of women in Tracy
11. History of transportation in Tracy
12. History of communication in Tracy
13. History of residential growth in Tracy

In addition to consulting teachers, students may contact WSPA/Tracy Historical Museum at 209-832-7278 to explore research ideas for these or other topics.