



## Tracy Historical Museum/ West Side Pioneer Association

### Community History Scholarship

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#### **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 History

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2015

#### **1. General Purpose of Scholarship –**

To recognize a Tracy area graduating high school senior who has demonstrated an interest or involvement with the history of the Tracy community. Scholarship funding is support by the very generous bequest of \_\_\_\_\_ to the WSPA/Tracy Historical Museum.

#### **2. Eligibility Requirements**

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

#### **3. Application Process - Submission Deadline - March 31, 2015**

- a. Complete application packet includes:
  - i. Completed signed application form
  - ii. Copy of school paper, essay or project submitted in required format
- b. Application submission process:
  - i. Mail complete signed application packet to the Museum – must be postmarked by submission deadline, **OR** arrange delivery of application packet or project to the Museum during operating hours (note: Museum is open limited hours each week), **AND**
  - ii. Email history paper or essay in WORD format to [tracymuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracymuseum@sbcglobal.net)
- c. Submit applications to:

Scholarship Committee  
Tracy Historical Museum  
1141 Adams Street  
Tracy, CA 95376  
209-832-7278  
[tracymuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracymuseum@sbcglobal.net)

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 or project review.

#### **4. 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. Awardees may be required to provide proof of enrollment at an accredited 2 or 4 year college before the scholarship award is issued; in this case, awardees should allow about a month for the award check to be issued upon submission of required verifications. On special request the award distribution may be delayed if enrollment is deferred, but must be used within 1 year from the date of award. The THM/WSPA reserves the right to make awards payable to the applicable college to be credited to the student.

#### **5. Award Selection Criteria**

- a. The primary award selection criteria will be based on the demonstrated interest in local Tracy history as evidenced through submission of one or more of the following 3 activities.
  - i. Documentation of volunteer work at Tracy Historical Museum or with THM/WSPA or other local history work – document volunteer activities and hours
  - ii. School paper or project on local history – submit paper or project
  - iii. Essay on Tracy community history – submit essay
- b. If needed to distinguish applicants because of comparable demonstrated interest in local history, the following additional criteria will considered:
  - i. Academic performance, school academic activities, other school activities
  - ii. Community activities

Please refer to Project/Paper/Essay Guidelines on page 3 of the Application Form. The uniqueness and originality of the history documented and the quality of the presentation will be factors in selection. A copy of your paper (or project as applicable) will be placed in the Museum archives and may be reprinted in the Museum Newsletter.

#### **6. Scholarship Funding**

Funding for the scholarship is made possible by a bequest to the West Side Pioneer Association from the Marjorie S. Larson Living Trust.

**TRACY HISTORICAL MUSEUM/WEST SIDE PIONEER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Extensive responses are not required; however, attach a separate page(s) with the 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**

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):

3. List any special recognitions or awards you have received:

**V. COMMUNITY**

1. List volunteer community service work you have done (e.g., Brighter Christmas, Tracy Interfaith Ministries, McHenry House):

2. List other community activities you have been involved with (e.g., club sports, scouting, 4-H, etc.):

## **VI. LOCAL HISTORY ACTIVITIES**

1. Describe your involvement in Local Tracy History. You must have at least 1 of the following 3 activities/projects to be eligible to apply. Check all that apply:  
 Volunteered with West Side Pioneer Association (WSPA), Tracy Historical Museum or other local history project.  
 Completed Local History paper or project in school or as extracurricular activity.  
 Wrote Local Tracy History Essay based.
2. If you volunteered, describe the type, and amount of volunteer hours with the WSPA, Museum or other group.
3. If you completed a history paper or project in school or as an extracurricular activity, or you wrote a Local Tracy History Essay, state the Title of your paper, essay or project.

## **VII. APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS**

Please include the following documents with your application packet:

1.  Completed signed application form. If needed, attach additional page(s) for responses.
2.  Copy of local history paper, essay, or project. **(NOTE: Please refer to the Project/Paper/Essay Submission Requirements. Paper/essay must also be submitted by email.)**

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*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 the 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. I accept the process and conditions for award distribution if selected.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Complete signed applications with all attachments, papers or projects must be mailed to the Museum and postmarked by **March 31, 2015 application deadline**, or delivered to the Museum by the deadline date. **Papers or essays must also be EMAILED by the March 31, 2015 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 or project review.

**Submit applications to:** Scholarship Committee  
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## **PROJECT/PAPER/ESSAY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Paper or essay must have title, name and date on the first page. Each page must have a footer with the title and page number.
2. Paper or essay should 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.
3. Because this paper/essay will be placed in the Museum archives, documentation of research references or sources is highly recommended
4. In addition to providing a hard copy with the application packet, please **EMAIL** the paper/essay in WORD format to [tracymuseum@sbcgloabl.net](mailto:tracymuseum@sbcgloabl.net) by the application deadline.
5. If you are submitting a project, please provide a copy with application packet or arrange delivery to the Museum or other review as applicable by the application deadline. Projects should be labeled with title, name and date. Original projects will be returned after review.

## **POSSIBLE LOCAL TRACY HISTORY TOPICS**

For projects, papers and essays, any topic of local history may be identified. Following are some ideas, but they are not required to be used or an exhaustive list.

With resources generally available within the Tracy Historical Museum, possible project/paper/essay topics include the following. This is the sample list only. **The uniqueness and originality of the history documented and the quality of the presentation will be factors in selection:**

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 project/paper/essay topics include:

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 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.