

2009 TEXAS HISTORY DAY SPECIAL AWARDS

The following special awards are available for the 2009 contest of May 8 and 9. **Entries must be relevant and specific to the special award topic or they will not be considered.** The list of special awards and special award information is subject to change.

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES MAY APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARD:

The Oral History Award recognizes outstanding oral history work by students. Winners receive a medal and a certificate. Entrants must: a) Conduct **at least three** oral history interviews that relate directly to the topic and record historically-significant memories; b) Audio or video tape the interviews and have the tapes available for the judges; c) Demonstrate ways information from the oral history interviews was used in their project; and d) List the interviews in the annotated bibliography. Review the [checklist](#) for qualifications. Sponsored by the Texas Oral History Association. Web site: <http://www.baylor.edu/TOHA/>

STUDENTS IN THE HISTORICAL PAPER CATEGORY MAY APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

The C. M. Caldwell Memorial Award for Texas History for the best paper or exhibit on a topic focused on Texas history. Winners receive a medal and \$250. Sponsored by Mr. J. Clifton Caldwell.

The Colonial Dames Award recognizes outstanding senior division papers dealing with the longstanding debate: "Why English should be established as the official language of the United States of America." Winners receive a medal and \$200. Sponsored by the [National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Texas](#).

The Willie Lee Gay Award for African-American History recognizes outstanding papers and exhibits on African-American history, preferably African-American history in Texas. Winners receive a medal and \$100. Sponsored by Ms. Willie Lee Gay.

The Jewish History Award recognizes excellence in writing on Jewish history, preferably Jewish history in Texas. Winners receive a medal and a monetary prize (\$100 for first place, \$50 for second place). In addition, prize-winning papers may be selected for publication in the newsletter of the Texas Jewish Historical Society. Sponsored by the Texas Jewish Historical Society.

The Hispanic Heritage Award recognizes outstanding papers and exhibits on Hispanic history, bonus awards will be given for topics dealing with Tejano history in Texas during the 1700s and 1800s. Winners receive a medal, \$100 and publications from the award's sponsor, TexasTejano.com.

The UT Austin Liberal Arts Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to one student who meets ALL of the following criteria: a) The student must be in the 11th or 12th grade. b) The scholarship is only good for the academic year 2009-2010 or 2010-2011; c) The student must attend the University of Texas at Austin and plan to major in Liberal Arts. The scholarship will be awarded *after* the student enters the College of Liberal Arts. Information on Liberal Arts degree plans is available at http://www.utexas.edu/cola/degree_plans/2008_2010_catalog/. Sponsored by the UT College of Liberal Arts.

The Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred History Award recognizes excellence in writing on the formation of Texas, preferably in the pre-Republic period. Winners received a medal and a monetary prize (\$100 for first place, \$50 for second place). Sponsored by The Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred organization.

STUDENTS IN THE *PERFORMANCE* CATEGORY MAY APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARD:

The Jane McCallum Women in Texas History Award recognizes outstanding junior and senior division performances on the history of women in Texas. The women depicted in these performances must have used their ingenuity, spirit, and entrepreneurial skills to impact lives in the Lone Star State and perhaps beyond. Winners receive a medal and \$75.

STUDENTS IN THE EXHIBIT CATEGORY MAY APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

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ALL EXHIBIT ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

The Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP Legal History Award is awarded to an outstanding exhibit that best reflects original research into a topic of legal history. Entries relating to any period of modern or ancient legal history will be considered. Students are encouraged to research important court cases, government statutes, and constitutional provisions. The award winner will receive \$100 and a certificate. *Sponsored by Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Austin. Web site: <http://www.lockelord.com>*

The Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association Award recognizes exhibits involving the missions and/or forts in Texas. The exhibit may be about a single fort or mission or a group of the same. It may cover the history or preservation of the site, a historical event, or an individual or group of individuals associated with a fort or mission **or** it may demonstrate how the fort or mission played a significant role in the history of Texas and the United States. Winners receive a medal and \$100. *Sponsored by the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association. Web site: <http://www.tomfra.org>*

The Students' Choice Exhibit Awards recognizes exhibits nominated by their peers. Winners receive a red, white, and blue medal.

The Outstanding Entry Awards recognize special entries from each region. Winners receive a red, white, and blue medal.

The David C. DeBoe Texas History Day Teacher Award honors outstanding History Day teachers for their service to the organization and ultimately for their service to their students. This award provides a trophy and a monetary prize.