

2016 Weston History Essay Contest

The Weston Historical Museum announces its fourth *Weston History Essay Contest*. Open to anyone, the contest offers cash and other prizes for the best original essays on Weston's history.

This year's essay theme is:

“Family and Community in Weston's History”

The contest will be held in three categories, as follows:

Junior Division: Open to school students in grades 6-8. Essays should be typed and should not exceed 1,500 words. First Place prize is \$100 cash.

Senior Division: Open to school students in grades 9-12. Essays must be typed and should not exceed 2,000 words. First Place prize is \$150 cash.

Open Division: This division is open to any applicants of any age. Essays must be typed and should not exceed 3,000 words. First Place prize is \$250 cash.

Gifts also will be awarded to second and third place essays in each division.

All essays must be original works specifically created for this essay contest and must reflect the theme *“Family and Community in Weston's History.”* They cannot be versions of articles and essays that have been produced previously as a school research paper, a published article, or any other previously-produced essay. The Weston Historical Museum can provide resource materials, topic suggestions, and other advice. Call the Museum at (816) 386-2977 for assistance.

Essays will be judged by a panel selected by the Weston Historical Museum Board. Judging will be based on the quality of the essay and its adherence to this year's essay theme. Contest participants shall retain their rights to the articles but shall agree to grant the Weston Historical Museum non-exclusive rights to publish the essays in any form (including, but not limited to newsletters, website, and other formats).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete an official 2016 Weston History Essay Contest **Entry Form**. The **Entry Form** is available at the Weston Historical Museum or can be downloaded from the Weston Historical Museum website at www.westonhistoricalmuseum.org.
2. Hand deliver or mail the contest **Entry Form**, along with a copy of your essay, to the Weston Historical Museum, 601 Main Street, Weston, Missouri, 64098, no later than Friday, April 22, 2016.

Deadline for entries: Friday, April 22, 2016