



MILLS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. Box 403, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844

<http://www.txmchc.genealogyvillage.com>

ORAL HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

An oral history captures the experiences of a person through a one-on-one recorded interview and is a vital means for preserving the history of Mills County.

The Mills County Historical Commission invites senior-level students from Goldthwaite, Mullin, and Priddy high schools, or homeschool equivalent, to submit an essay (500-700 words) based on an interview with a Mills County resident that uses the person's life experiences to illuminate the history of the county.

DEADLINE

May 1, 2023

AWARD

\$500

JUDGING CRITERIA

- How effective the essay is in relating the interviewee's life with the history of Mills County
- Grammar and spelling
- References to published material appropriately cited

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. Copy of completed application form
2. Photograph of interviewer and interviewee together
3. Copy of essay with a descriptive title

Mail the three application components postmarked by deadline to:

Mills County Historical Commission

Essay Contest

P.O. Box 403

Goldthwaite, TX 76844

APPLICATION FORM

- Form available from counselors at Goldthwaite, Mullin, and Priddy high schools
- Form available at txmchc.genealogyvillage.com/essays.html

STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME
STUDENT ADDRESS	
STUDENT PHONE	
STUDENT EMAIL	
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL – N/A IF HOMESCHOOL	
NAME OF PERSON INTERVIEWED	

STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY AND SINGLE SUBMISSION

The essay I am submitting to the Mills County Historical Commission Oral History Essay Contest is my original work. I have not used the words or ideas of another person without giving credit. I understand that allowing a teacher, parent, or other qualified individual to proofread the work is permissible. I also confirm that my essay has **only** been submitted to this contest.

STUDENT SIGNATURE	DATE
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PUBLICATION RELEASE FOR PERSON INTERVIEWED

I authorize the Mills County Historical Commission to publish the essay based on a student (interviewer) interview with me (interviewee).

STUDENT NAME (INTERVIEWER) - PLEASE PRINT	
INTERVIEWEE SIGNATURE	DATE

PUBLICATION RELEASE FOR STUDENT

I authorize the Mills County Historical Commission to publish my essay in printed or digital form, and I waive all copyright or other proprietary rights I may have to the work.

STUDENT SIGNATURE	DATE
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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN RELEASE

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME	
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN ADDRESS - IF DIFFERENT FROM STUDENT ADDRESS	
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN EMAIL	PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN TELEPHONE