



HERITAGE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Bernard Gill Family History Youth Award

The Bernard Gill Family History Youth Award was established in 2013 by the Heritage Education Commission in conjunction with the annual Family History Workshop. This award is designed to encourage young people under the age of 19 who are interested in family history to submit printed or duplicated documents such as diaries, journals, memoirs, family reunions or scrapbooks. The Commission values the interest in family history by young people and these documents can often comprise the first step in developing more extensive family histories, and are of value to the family.

The award winners will be presented during the luncheon at the Annual Family History Workshop. The winning entries will be placed in the Commission's permanent collection. Winning entries will be displayed in the Family History Booth during the workshop. Entries not awarded will be returned to the owners if adequate provisions are made in advance.

Participants may submit diaries, memoirs, journals, family reunions or scrapbooks more than once. Since an unusual number of fine entries may be submitted in any one year, entries not awarded one year may receive the award another year.

General Rules

1. Printed or digital entries should be submitted with a completed entry form to the Heritage Education Commission, PO Box 292, Moorhead, MN 56561-0292. **Participants should not, of course, submit their only copy of a diary, memoir, journal or scrapbook.**
2. Entries must be received by September 1 and must have been completed before the applicant's 19th birthday.
3. Entries will be accepted in printed, digital or duplicated form.
4. All sources must be carefully documented. Copyrighted material must include a note indicating copyright owner's permission to republish. If there are any questions, please contact info@heritageed.com.
5. Award winners must submit a completed entry form, which clarifies copyright ownership issues and defines the terms and conditions under which their winning entry is donated to the Heritage Education Commission.
6. Judges reserve the right to withhold an award for any particular year.

Criteria for Judging

In addition to the above General Rules and to the following considerations, the usefulness of the submitted work to local, regional historians or to family is a major factor in judging those works.

Category: Diaries, Memoirs, Journals, Family Reunions or Scrapbooks

Entries will be judged on the following:

1. Quality of entries
2. Extensiveness of entries
3. Narrative content and writing style