



Beverly M. Paulson Family History Award

The Beverly Paulson Family History Award was established in 1990 by the Heritage Education Commission in conjunction with the annual Family History Workshop. This award is designed to encourage local genealogists to submit printed or duplicated documents such as diaries, journals, memoirs, family reunions or scrapbooks. The Commission values such reminiscences since these documents are useful to local and regional historians, can often comprise the first step in developing more extensive family histories, and are perhaps of intrinsic literary value.

The winners of this award will be announced 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. 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.
3. Entries must be in printed 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