



Family History Youth Award

This award, originally titled “Bernard Gill Family History Youth Award,” was established in 2013.

The Heritage Education Commission wishes to encourage young people to explore their family history. These projects can often comprise the first step in fostering a broader interest in family history research. Youth projects can be of any type covered by the other award categories, including family history books, regional history books, historical information in non-book formats, or anything related to the process of doing family history research.

Examples of projects:

1. Projects created for state history day competitions
2. School projects related to family history, including scrapbooks, web sites, posters, games, journals or family reunions
3. Interviewing family members about their history
4. Creating your own family tree

General Rules: See the introductory page entitled “Family History Awards.”

Specific Rules:

1. Entrants must be under the age of 19 when the project is submitted.
2. Entries may be in a printed, duplicated, PDF, online, DVD, digital photographs, or scrapbook format.
3. Entries must have a title page, which includes at least the title, the name of authors, and the year of compilation.
4. Entries must have a description that gives context to the project.
5. Entries should have documentation on the source of the information presented, appropriate to the type of project submitted. (** See information below for helpful information about citing sources.)

Criteria for Judging:

1. Usefulness to family historians, relatives, or other researchers
2. Organization. Is the organization clear to the user? Does the project use organizational tools, such as a table of contents, charts, list of illustrations, footnotes, and an index? Indexes are very useful and are strongly encouraged.
3. Scope of the research
4. Quality of research
5. Quality of writing and/or illustrated content
6. Use of illustrations - photos, documents, charts, maps, etc.

**If you "Google" "Genealogical Source Citations" you will find a variety of articles to study. HEC is not requiring a certain format, but we are asking that you provide enough information about a given source that another person could find it also. Citing sources adds credibility to your effort. We do want to be clear that just saying the name of a website is not sufficient. The name of the website and the specific database at that website, including page # or image # and how the person's name is spelled in that record, is very valuable to a user who is studying your compilation.

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