CALDWELL MEMORIAL AWARDS

FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY

Sponsored by

THE WALTER PRESCOTT WEBB SOCIETY OF

THE TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**Deadline: January 12, 2024**

Each year the Walter Prescott Webb Society, the college affiliate of the Texas State Historical Association,

recognizes excellence in historical research and writing with the C.M. Caldwell Memorial Awards. Entries to

the competition can be research papers or projects. Provisions of competition are as follows.

**WRITING CONTEST**

Research papers on Texas or local history should be 12-30 pages in length and properly documented.

(Previously published papers are not eligible.) Documentation should be in accordance with the style guide

adopted by the Texas State Historical Association for the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. The style guide

is available online at <https://www.tshaonline.org/help-topics/shq/information-for-authors#style-guide>. The style format is Chicago Style, which is searchable online.

All submissions must have:

* **Title page with the paper, stating student name and title of paper**
* **Page numbers in lower right corner of page**

**CHAPTER RESEARCH PROJECT**

Research projects can take a number of forms. Teaching units for primary or secondary schools may be

developed. Documentary media productions should be submitted in video or audio format. Oral history projects,

collecting programs (photographs, artifacts, documents, business records, or personal correspondence), and

historical restoration and preservation projects should be submitted as project reports which outline a) the

scope of the undertaking; b) its purpose; c) procedures followed; d) findings; e) conclusions; f) significance of

the project. These reports should be accompanied with substantial evidence such as slides, tapes, photographs,

etc.

**STUDENT DIVISIONS**

Indicate if writers/producers are Lower Division Students, that is, college or university freshmen and

sophomores as of September 1 of the current academic year. Upper Division Students, that is, juniors and

seniors as of September 1 of the current academic year; or Graduate Students enrolled in a graduate history

program.

**PRIZES**

Four prizes are awarded in both the Lower Division and the Upper Division: **First Place—$400, Second**

**Place—$300, Third Place—$150, Fourth Place—$75**. The Graduate Division offers two awards, **First**

**Place—$400 and Second Place—$300**. Writing contest essays are eligible to be selected for publication in

*Touchstone*, the journal of the Webb Society.

A **special $600 prize** will also be presented for an outstanding project entered by a **chapter**, either junior or

senior division. Any project developed by two or more students will be evaluated as a chapter project. Chapter

prizes will be disbursed to the chapter.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE**

**Contest entries must be received by TSHA on or before January 12, 2024.** The papers will be sent to the judges via email, so we need the papers electronically to save time. Please **email** the research papers or project reports (in Microsoft Word format) and a registration form, to [lisa.berg@tshaonline.org](mailto:lisa.berg@tshaonline.org).

**INFORMATION**

Contact Lisa Berg at (615)293-1969 or [lisa.berg@tshaonline.org](mailto:lisa.berg@tshaonline.org)

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# 2024 Contest Registration Form

*Please complete form and email it with your paper or chapter project.*

***Deadline is January 12, 2024***

Last Name First Name

Address City Zip

Phone Email

College/University Sponsor

Paper Title

Lower Division - college/university freshman or sophomore (59 or less semester hours credit)

Upper Division - college/university junior or senior (60 or more semester hours credit)

Graduate Division – student enrolled in a graduate history program

Author’s Signature Sponsor’s Signature

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EMAIL contest materials to:

[lisa.berg@tshaonline.org](mailto:lisa.berg@tshaonline.org) with “Caldwell Contest”

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##### January 12, 2024

in the subject line.

Please include:

* Registration form
* Microsoft Word file of the **title page and research paper/project report**

*The results of the Caldwell Memorial Awards will be announced during a Webb Society Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 2, 2023. For more information, visit* [*www.TSHAonline.org*](http://www.TSHAonline.org) *or* call Lisa Berg at *(615)293-1969 or email* [*lisa.berg@tshaonline.org*](http://lisa.berg@tshaonline.org)*.*

*A number of papers will be chosen for publication in Touchstone, the journal of the Webb Historical Society, published annually in March. Selected authors will be contacted for permission prior to publication.*