

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.

INFORMATION

Contact Lisa Berg at (615)293-1969 or 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 with "Caldwell Contest"
in the subject line.

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January 12, 2024**

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 or call Lisa Berg at (615)293-1969 or email 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.