



2018 ESSAY CONTEST

GENIUS THROUGH HISTORY, PAST AND MODERN



Call for original literary nonfiction essays researching, analyzing, and using critical thinking processes to explore the presence and development of an individual genius, historically and/or in the present time.

SUBJECT CONTENT

Topic suggestions provided, but you may select your own topic related to the theme:

- Research someone either in the past or modern times that you consider to be a “universal genius” and show their character development to prove why this is so (ex: famous inventors).
- Describe the inventive impact and change to our lives by machines in the past, present and/or future.
- Compare aspects of genius noting similarities and differences in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and mathematics) fields.
- Discuss and compare the way of life and/or activities of genius.
- Consider the encouragement, education, training and/or enrichment of genius.
- Explain the impact socially, economically, and culturally of a genius.
- Consider the resilience of character, diligence of creation, and the contribution(s) to society by one or more individuals considered to reflect genius.

Research online: Biographies of Leonardo da Vinci

Visit: Leonardo da Vinci's Machines in Motion Exhibit at the Bush Museum, Mar 1, 2018 - Jan 6, 2019).

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Family members of employees of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum are not eligible.
- Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and will disqualify an entry.
- Students in grades 4 - 12 throughout 15 counties of Texas Education Service Center Region 6 are invited to participate.
- The Bush Presidential Library and Museum retains the right to use selected entries.
- One individual entry per student per contest.
- Essay must be screened by school teachers or homeschool parents.

REGISTER ONLINE: www.bush41.org/art-essay-contest (Upload essay).

OR MAIL ENTRIES: (last postmark March 8) George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum,
ATTN: Education Department
1000 George Bush Drive West
College Station, TX 77845

For more info, call Dr. Shirley Hammond at 979.691.4013, email bush.education@nara.gov, or visit Bush41.org.

- Format: Typed, Arial font, double-spaced, one-inch margins; works cited of all sources on attached page(s)
- Length Requirements:
Grades 9-12: 5-6 pages NOT including reference pages. Minimum 1,200 words and an of average of 1,500 words.
- Grades 6-8: 2-3 full pages. ● Grades 4 and 5: 1-2 full pages.
- Cover page: Student's name, grade, teacher, school, and title of essay.
- Additional pages: title and page number upper right corner.

JURORS

Warren Finch, Director,
Bush Library and Museum

Barbara Orville, Education Volunteer,
Bush Library and Museum

Shirley Hammond, Education Director,
Bush Library and Museum

AWARDS

- (4) First place, grades 9-12: \$100
- (4) First place, grades 6-8: \$75
- (4) First place, grades 4 and 5: \$50 First, second, third place and honorable mention trophies for each grade category.

High school essay contest entrants will be entered in the 2018 Young Spurs Writing Contest (Learn more at <http://www.themayborn.com/young-spurs-writing-contest>). Meet authors and hone your writing abilities if selected. Please indicate your interest in this opportunity: YES NO (If no, then your essay will not be entered in the Young Spurs)

AWARDS CEREMONY

- The Awards Ceremony for the Art and Essay Contests will be Thursday, April 26, 2018, April 26, 2018, at 4:15 p.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Library Conference Center's Frymire Auditorium followed by a reception.
- The 2018 Outstanding Educator Awards will be presented with appreciation for consistently supporting the enrichment and creativity of students through outstanding dedication, inspiration and encouragement above and beyond the classroom.
- THIS CONTEST IS FUNDED BY THE GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION WITH TROPHIES PROVIDED BY AWARDS & MORE OF BRYAN.
- All students and parents/guardians must sign and date the permission slip below. Please attach a copy of the permission slip to the back of the entry and provide the Bush Library and Museum with the signed original

PERMISSION SLIP

I hereby agree to:

1. Submit my original work to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum for critiquing and judging;
2. Permit the Bush Library and Museum to display, reproduce or otherwise use my original work for any purpose;
3. Grant permission to the Bush Library and Museum to list the student's name, grade, school and I.S.D. for all future activities using this work; and
4. Grant and convey title and copyright of my work to the Bush Library and Museum, as required.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Name (Please Print) _____ **GRADE:** _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Title of Entry _____

Teacher _____ Phone _____

Email _____

School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____