



La Vernia Legacies Essay Contest for \$500 Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the
La Vernia Historical Association
LaVerniaHistory.com
The 2023 program is in memory of
Joseph Cicherski.

Essay Topic:

“The Story of a True La Vernia Legacy”

Eligible Applicants: Students in LVISD or private or home-schooled students who live in the LVISD; of any ethnicity or faith; in grade 12. Proof of residency may be requested.

Award: One winner will be selected for a \$500 college scholarship.

Deadline: April 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

Applicants may be requested to meet with the LVHA Scholarship Committee to reflect on their essay.

The LVHA reserves the right to publish any submitted essay, with full and proper credit given to the author.

Important Instructions: READ CAREFULLY.

The **COVER PAGE** of your essay document must include: Your name, address, email, phone number, name and email of your school counselor, NAME OF YOUR SUBJECT, and the university you will attend. **Do not include your name in the essay, photo captions, or bibliography.** Email the cover page and essay document separately in an editable format such as Word, (NOT a pdf) to:
info@LaVerniaHistory.com before the deadline.
We will confirm receipt of your entry.

REQUIREMENTS—READ CAREFULLY

- ◆ Interview a person, age 70 or over, living in La Vernia. Please select a person who has not previously been interviewed for our scholarship program. **Do this by asking the interviewee.** **Note: Your subject's name must be in your essay title.**
- ◆ Use all the questions on the back of this flyer to interview your subject and include in your essay.
- ◆ Interview at least 1 other adult for additional details about your subject. Include the name, date, and LOCATION of all interviews in your **REQUIRED bibliography.**
- ◆ To enrich your essay, **INCLUDE** at least one **researched piece of information** about something **mentioned in the interview(s)**, such as an article about a world or local event. **Be sure to include all sources in your required bibliography.**
- ◆ In an essay of **400-700 words, double spaced**, compose an interesting and original paper that tells the story about your subject's life in La Vernia based on your interviews and research.
- ◆ Provide a **word count** for the essay only, at the **BOTTOM of your cover page.**
- ◆ Use proper English, grammar, punctuation, and spelling in a well-organized essay. **You may have a teacher or parent proofread your essay.** Be sure to acknowledge your proof-reader in your bibliography.
- ◆ **Comment on how your subject's story affects your own feelings about La Vernia.**
- ◆ Attach 1 or 2 captioned .jpg photos of your subject in your email. **Do NOT put photos in your essay.**
- ◆ All requirements must be met or the application will be disqualified.

- ◆ Optional: We would love to see a photo of you with your subject but **please email it separately**, not inserted in your essay or cover page.

Questions for interview

You may provide these questions to the interviewee in advance to give them time to think about the answers. Try to keep the interview no longer than 45 minutes so the interviewee does not get too tired.

1. When and why did you or your ancestors settle in La Vernia?
2. How did war or national events affect your family? Are you or your family members Veterans? Is your name or those of your family members on the La Vernia Veterans Memorial wall?
3. Describe a favorite family tradition from your childhood.
4. Describe an early memory of La Vernia.
5. If you attended school in La Vernia, describe a special day, teacher, or favorite memory of your school days. If you did not attend La Vernia schools, do you have family members who do?
6. Where did you work? What were your responsibilities? Describe a memorable work day during your life.
7. What world or local event affected your life and how? Examples: War, flood, disaster, Great Depression, migration, election, trend.
8. What is one or more accomplishments you are proud of?
9. Describe one or two of your favorite activities in La Vernia.
10. What other memory of La Vernia sticks out in your mind?