



La Vernia Legacies Essay Contest for \$1000 Scholarship

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Essay Topic:

“The Story of a True La Vernia Legacy”

Eligible Applicants: Students in the 12th grade (either LVISD, private or home-school) who live in LVISD. Proof of residency may be requested.

Award: One winner will be selected for a \$1000 college scholarship to be paid directly to their college/university/trade school.

Deadline: April 17, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

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

The LVHA reserves the right to publish any submitted essay in part or in whole, with full and proper credit given to the author. The interviewed person must sign the Authorization Form.

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/trade school you will attend. Do not include your name in the essay, captions, or bibliography. Email the cover page and essay separately in an editable format such as Word. Send the authorization form as a PDF. Send all to: info@LaVerniaHistory.com before the deadline. We will confirm receipt of your entry.

REQUIREMENTS—READ CAREFULLY

- ◆ Interview a person, age 65 or over, who has lived in La Vernia for 20 years or more. 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.
 - ◆ Your subject must sign the Authorization form.
 - ◆ Use all the questions on the back of this flyer to interview your subject
 - ◆ A bibliography is required.
 - ◆ For extra points, INCLUDE at least one researched fact about something mentioned in the interview, such as an article about a world or local event. Be sure to include all sources in your required bibliography.
 - ◆ In an essay of 500-700 words, double spaced, compose an interesting and original paper that tells the story about your subject's life in La Vernia based on your interview 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.
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- ◆ Optional: You may include 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. How is that you came to live in La Vernia?
2. Who were your parents? Your spouse? Your children?
3. Are you a Veteran? What branch? Where did you serve?
4. Describe an early memory of life or people in La Vernia.
5. Describe a family tradition you enjoyed.
6. Talk about a special school day or teacher What were your favorite activities in school?
7. What did you do in La Vernia for fun?
8. Where did you work? Who else in La Vernia worked with you?
9. How did major events change your life in La Vernia?
(examples: floods, good or bad economic changes, deaths, new job, loss of job)
10. What personal accomplishments you are especially proud of?
11. Are there other memories of La Vernia that stand out in your memory?



Authorization Form

I. The person being interviewed (the essay subject)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Interview: _____

Location of Interview: _____

I understand the La Vernia Historical Association may use the material in this essay in part or in whole for publications created by the La Vernia Historical Association only.

Signature _____

Date signed _____

II. The student conducting the interview

I understand the La Vernia Historical Association may use the material in this essay in part or in whole for publications created by the La Vernia Historical Association only. I will provide a copy of my essay to my interviewee.

Signature _____

Date signed _____

_____ Date _____
Signature of the Parent, required if student is under 18 years of age.