



Nant-Y-Glo Tri-Area Museum and Historical Society 2010 Essay Contest for High School Seniors

The Nant-Y-Glo Tri-Area Museum and Historical Society is pleased to announce its second historical essay contest for high school seniors who live in the Blacklick Valley. Members of the Class of 2010 who live in Nanty Glo, Blacklick Township, Vintondale, and Jackson Township and attend public, parochial, or private schools, or who are home schooled, are eligible to submit an essay to the contest. A scholarship prize of \$200 will be awarded by the Society for the best qualifying essay. Judges will consider grammar, writing style, originality, and historical accuracy. The judges have the discretion to disqualify any entry that fails to meet the criteria listed below. For example, the previous contest's best-written entry was disqualified because it inaccurately combined developments in Cambria County's history that had no overlap in their chronologic or geographic settings.

Each entry should be a brief essay on an aspect of Blacklick Valley history (see the list of suggested topics below). Essays should be at least 250 words but should not exceed 500 words. Essays should be computer-typed and double-spaced. Please submit two printed copies, one copy for each judge.

If the judges determine that none of the entries qualifies for the full prize because of poor grammar, writing, originality, or historical inaccuracies, they may divide the prize among the two or more entries considered "runners up" and may award more for a better and less for a lesser runner-up entry, at their discretion. Essays must be original writing, with judges comparing them to existing documents for plagiarism.

Suggested essay topics include the history of any aspect of Blacklick Valley's boroughs or townships, or of any of the unincorporated towns and villages in the townships, or of the whole valley, including industries (mining and mine companies, lumbering, farming, railroads, iron and steel, or other), educational programs and schools, religious institutions, politics, labor movements, businesses, local government(s), or specific historic personages.

Recommended sources of help and information include the Nanty Glo Public Library, school libraries, history and English teachers, the Nanty Glo Home Page (www.nantyglo.com) and its related home pages for Vintondale, Blacklick, and Jackson Townships, personal interviews with experts, and local community historians.

Please mail all essay contest entries to:

Essay Contest
PO Box 283
Nanty Glo, PA 15943

Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2010. Entries postmarked later than April 15 will be rejected.