



2025 RICHARD L. & MIRIAM L. SWAN MIX STUDENT HISTORIAN AWARD PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

- 1. Eligibility:** Any senior attending school in Lycoming County is invited to submit an entry. One entry per student; essays become the property of LCHS and will not be returned.
- 2. Due Date:** Friday February 27, 2026
- 3. Notification of Winner:** Monday March 30, 2026
- 4. Cash Prize:** \$500.00
- 5. Judging:** The winner will be determined by a team of judges from the LCHS. All entries will be reviewed anonymously (essays will be identified by number, not by name). If, in the opinion of the judges, no entry meets the requirements and standards outlined below, then no award will be given. The decision of the judges is final.
- 6. Submit** your final essay electronically to info@tabermuseum.org or to the museum front desk, LCHS, Thomas T. Taber Museum, 858 West Fourth St., Williamsport, PA 17701
- 7. Theme: "Stepping Into The Past at the Taber"**
Select a time period at the Taber Museum and become a person who lived at that time in history.
- 8. Essay Requirements:** Select from one of the museum galleries (for instance, Victorian home, Lumber, Pioneer home, Train room, etc.) and write a first-person essay about your life addressing the following:
 - Imagine yourself in the gallery. Choose various items you observe in the gallery and explain how they would be used as part of your daily life.
 - Essay must be historically accurate for the time period depicted in the gallery.
 - Spelling and grammar will be considered.

* Remember to use your senses and literary devices to make your essay as creative as possible.
- 9. Format:** Your cover page must include a title, your name, your school, your email address, and phone number. The essay must be between 800 - 1200 words, typed, double-spaced, 12-point font such as Geneva, Helvetica, Times, or New York (as a guide, consult appropriate MLA writing standards). Since the essay requires descriptive and interpretive language rather than formal academic research, any source materials used must be cited but a formal bibliography is not required.