What are the UIL essay competitions anyway?



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ESSAY COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Before We Get Started

Remember to register your attendance and complete session evaluations.

Session numbers are in your program.







Online Handouts



Session Evaluations

Hello!

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Nice to meet you.

WHAT IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ESSAY CONTESTS?

Session Overview

- Whole Group Discussion
 - Reasons for entering
- Writing Activity
 - Topic analysis
- •Whole Group Discussion
 - Essay guidelines
 - Questions









Why should you enter?



Hector P. Garcia

Mexican-American physician, surgeon, World War II veteran, civil rights advocate, and founder of the American GI Forum

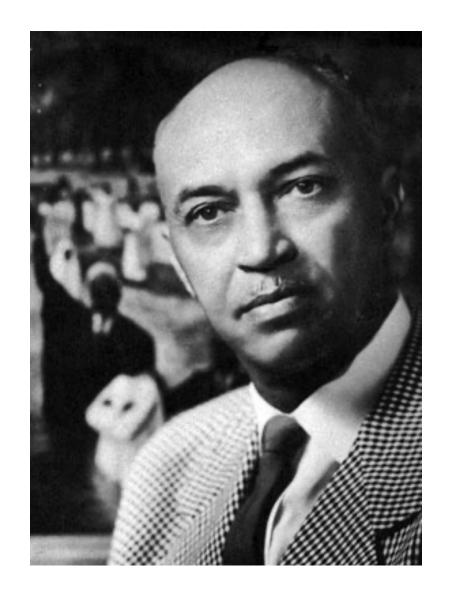
Dr. Gary Souffrant

DOCTOR WHO MAKES AN IMPACT IN HARLINGEN



John Mason Brewer

SCHOLAR AND WRITER





Bessie Coleman

FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN AND FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN TO HOLD A PILOT LICENSE



Benson Collection



Briscoe Center

Money, money, money, money (scholarship eligibility)...

2016

- Anthony Garcia Harlingen South HS, \$1000
- Katrina Garcia, Center HS \$1000

2017

- Victoria Baltierra, Mason HS \$1000
- Brianna Miranda, Weslaco HS \$1000

2018

- Imelda Pacheco, Waller HS, \$2500
- Spencer Keith, Kaufman HS \$1000

2019

Jacob Murphy, Kountze HS \$1000

2021

- Zachary Jones, Lindale HS, \$4000
- Yulissa Rodriguez, Laredo Alexander HS \$1000
- Kelsey Sheets, Gladewater Sabine HS \$4000
- Joshua Smith, Lindale HS \$1000

2022

- Eric Broan, Longview Pine Tree HS
- Diego Cerda, Brownsville IDEA Riverview
- Claire Clark, Andrews HS
- Gavin James, Lindale HS
- Abril Ramirez, Mount Pleasant HS
- Eshal Warsi, Cypress Woods HS

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
Barbara Jordan	10	8	6	4	2	1
Latino History	10	8	6	4	2	1

Championship Points (awarded at State Meet)



It's All Online

Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition

Founded in 1995 as an event sponsored by The University of Texas at Austin, the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition moved to its new home with UIL Academics in 2011-2012. The competition provides students an opportunity to explore the contributions of African Americans to Texas history, as well as honoring the legacy of its namesake, Barbara Jordan.

Competition Theme

African Americans in Texas: Past and Present

Essays should focus on individuals or groups who are not well-known figures but who have made positive, significant contributions to African American history or culture in Texas. Students should look first to their local communities for possible essay topics.

Entry Deadline

February 15, 2023

Entries will be submitted electronically. All essays received on or before February 15, 2023, that meet the basic requirements of the competition will be entered for judging.

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FORMS AND DOCUMENT

- BJHEC Entry Instruct
- BJHEC 2023 Entry Form
- Essay Evaluation Form
- Download a promotional flyer 💫

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Biography of Barbara Jordan
- Packet of 1st Place Essays 💫

Latino History Essay Competition

Founded in 2011 by the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at UT-Austin, the Latino History Essay Competition has found a new home with UIL Academics beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. In its initial year the competition was open to students in South Texas; beginning with 2012-2013 the competition was opened to students statewide.

Competition Theme

Historical and cultural legacies of Latinos in Texas history

Essays should focus on a prominent or relatively unknown Latino individual, organization or movement in Texas history. How has the subject of the essay positively and significantly influenced today's Latino communities?

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Recap



Barbara Jordan Essay Topic

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Latino History Essay topic

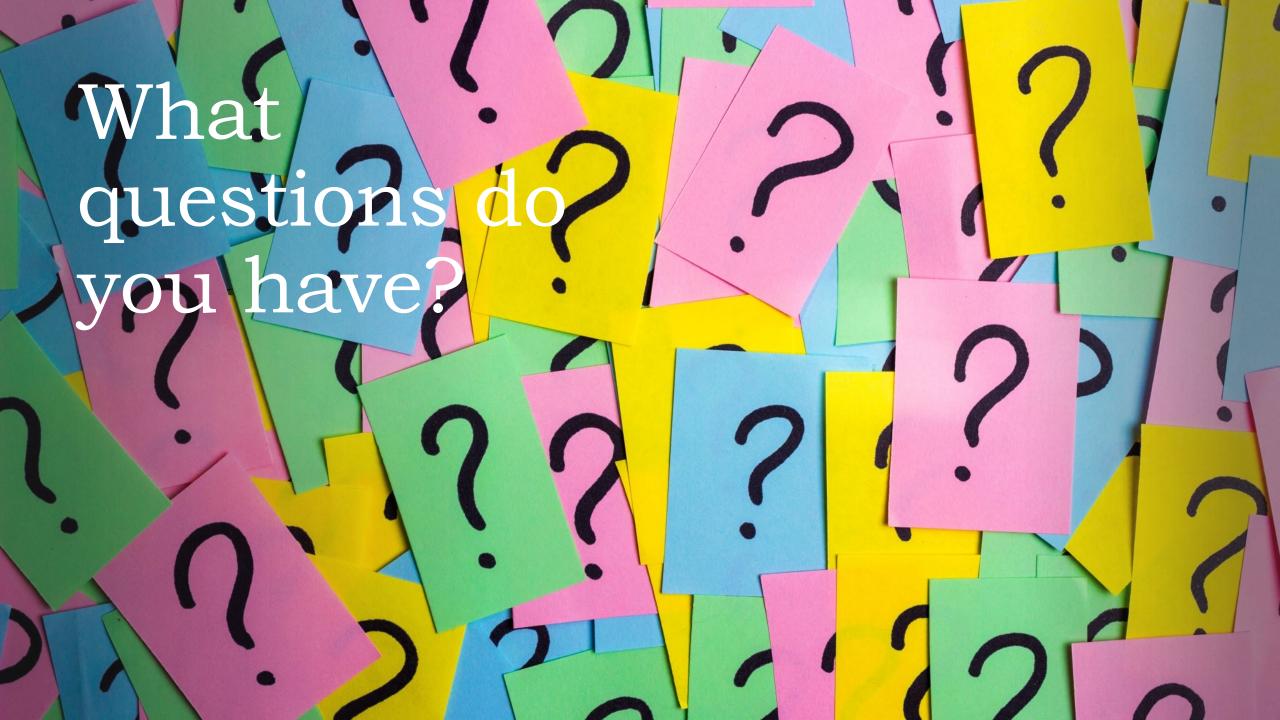
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Essay Guidelines

- •Essay with a word count between 1,500 and 2,500 words
- •Research paper format- MLA format or APA format recommended
- Source citations and bibliography required
- •Essays should display original research; use of primary sources and interviews are strongly encouraged.



Word to the Wise

- Topic selection is crucial
- Choose quality sources
- Follow research paper guidelines
- Proofread your essay

Essay Evaluation Form



PLEASE RECORD THE ENTRY NUMBER IN THE SPACE ABOVE!

Instructions: Judges evaluate each essay about the following criteria: thesis statement, research, paragraph construction, grammar, and parenthetical citations and bibliography. The sections below are intended for judges to provide brief constructive comments for contestants based on those criteria — strengths of the essay, areas needing improvement, and some suggested ways to improve.

Select all that apply:			
Paper effectively addresses the essay prompt	Commentary bolsters key ideas		
Thesis statement is effectively proven about far-reaching topic	Paper moves beyond a summary of the subject's life Contains very few grammatical mistakes Parenthetical citations & Works Cited are mostly corru		
Purposefully utilizes a variety of sources including primary sources			
Paper is clear, well organized, and coherent			
Concrete details (quotes, paraphrases, summaries) are effectively	Essay is memorable		
incorporated	Other		
Additional comments:			
Areas Needing Improvement			
Select all that apply:			
Thesis statement is unclear and/or weak and/or not proven and/or topic is not far-reaching	Commentary about research is lacking		
Paper does not move beyond a biography	Multiple errors exist that hinder understanding Awkward sentences and/or word choice Parenthetical citations and/or Works Cited page is inaccurate or missing Other		
Paper needs more source variety			
Lack of clarity, organization, and/or coherency			
Concrete details are ineffective			
Additional comments:			
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Constructive Comments and Suggestions for the Conte	estant:		
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Here to help.

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