



Silesian-Polish Texans Essay Contest – Scholarship

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Essay Topic:

“Portrayal of a Silesian-Polish Texan”

Eligible Participants:

Texas students of any ethnicity, any faith, in Grade 12.

Awards:

\$1000 college scholarship each; for up to four winners.

Requirements:

See the back of this flyer.

Deadline: Midnight, **March 15, 2026**

The FLM Foundation reserves the right to publish any submitted essays or excerpts. Proper credit will be given to the authors.

Email entry with your complete name, address, email, phone number, name of school you currently attend and university you will attend, high school counselor’s name and email address, and the name of the university you will attend, and email on a separate page to: committee@FLMFoundation.org. Essay must be in editable format, such as Word. Your cover page must be separate and may be in pdf format.

We will confirm receipt of your entry.

IMPORTANT:

Do not write any personal identification on essay pages.

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about Silesian Texans.



REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Focus on one person of Silesian-Polish descent, living or deceased, who lived in Texas in the 1800s or 1900s. Include his or her name in your title.
- Compose an interesting and original paper about this person to make him/her “come alive.” Entries must be original and not submitted to any other scholarship contest.
- ◆ Interview a senior Silesian Texan in person or by phone **for additional details about your person** and include the name and date of interview in your citations. This Interview is REQUIRED to enter your essay!
- ◆ Include biographical information, personality traits, career, and milestones about your subject.
- ◆ Type between 400-700 words double-spaced. Include the **word count** for your essay at the end. Essays with more than 700 words will be disqualified.
- ◆ Bibliography - List a minimum of four references with at least one non-internet source on a proper bibliography. References may include books, journal articles, newspapers, church certificates, and other documented sources. It is advisable to check your school or local library for books about Silesian Texans. If you use AI for any part of your entry, please reference it properly. Do not include your bibliography in the word count.
- ◆ Use proper English, grammar, punctuation, and spelling in a well organized paper.
- ◆ Submit the essay as an editable WORD document, not a PDF.

Ideas for Supporting Details:

- ◆ Note any activities connected to ethnicity, i.e., memberships in parish or organizations.
- ◆ Note if this person’s home town in Texas is connected to a group of Silesian immigrants.
- ◆ Reflect any Polish traditions, language, or sayings of the person, if possible.
- ◆ Optional: You may submit one photo of the person in your entry. Do not include a photo of yourself in the essay.