

LYCOMING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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 April 4, 2025
3. **Notification of Winner:** Monday April 14, 2025
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). The decision of the judges is final.
6. **Submit** your final essay electronically to [**info@tabermuseum.org**](mailto: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:
 - a. Essay must be historically accurate for the time period depicted in the gallery.
 - b. 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.

* 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.