

# THE SHANKLEVILLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## I. Name

The scholarship of the Shankleville Community Historical Society shall be called the “Shankleville Memorial Scholarship”.

## II. Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship shall be:

- (1) To encourage educational excellence, and
- (2) To perpetuate the Shankleville heritage.

## III. Scholarship Amount

The Shankleville Historical Society, Inc. usually awards three scholarships each year – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. The amount of the annual scholarship awards will be determined by the Society’s Board of Directors and the members of the Scholarship Committee at the annual meeting of the Shankleville Historical Society, Inc. on the Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

## IV. Eligibility

A recipient of the Shankleville Memorial Scholarship shall be a direct descendant of a Shankleville native, or a current resident of the Shankleville Community.

## V. Application Process

Applicants may secure the appropriate forms and rules by:

- Contacting any member of the Scholarship Committee
- Writing to The Shankleville Memorial Scholarship Committee; c/o Mrs. Theresa Peacock; Route 2, Box 12; Burkeville, TX 75932
- Writing to The Shankleville Memorial Scholarship Committee; c/o Ms. Gwen Bluiett; Route 5, Box 100; Kirbyville, TX 75056
- Accessing [www.shankleville.org](http://www.shankleville.org)

## VI. CONTEST RULES

A. Each applicant must submit an application, an original essay<sup>1</sup> and three (3) letters of recommendation<sup>2</sup> on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of his/her high school graduation. The applicant’s file, made up of these five items, will remain the property of the Scholarship Committee.

B. The committee will evaluate the applicant’s file and select and notify three finalists on or before July 15<sup>th</sup> of that year.

- C. The three finalists will deliver their essays as orations during the 2:30p.m. Sunday afternoon session of the Annual Homecoming.
- D. Since the oration must not exceed five minutes, the applicant may revise his/her essay and may use notes on one 4x6 notecard.
- E. The applicants who do not deliver their orations in person will automatically be disqualified unless prior approval has been given by the Shankleville Historical Society and Scholarship Committee.
- F. The Scholarship Committee will supervise the timing and judging of the oratorical contest and will announce the winners at the close of the same session. As soon as "Proof of Enrollment" is received, the amount of the scholarship shall be sent to the winners or their schools.
- G. Any scholarship winner who does not provide "Proof of Enrollment" by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year forfeits his/her scholarship award.
- H. A close relative may not write an endorsement letter.
- I. Neither a close relative nor a writer of an endorsement letter may serve as a judge of the written files or the oratorical presentations.
- J. In the event of a tied score after applicants have completed both the written and verbal portions of the contest, the Scholarship Committee may, according to scholarship funds available, award two identical award amounts to the tied students. For instance, two students tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place may each receive the amount designated for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner.

## **VII. Generation of Funds**

- A. Members of the Scholarship Committee shall accept donations to the scholarship fund and submit a record of all contributions at the Annual meeting of the Shankleville Historical Society, Inc.
- B. Members of the Scholarship Committee shall present for approval their fundraising projects to the executive committee of the Shankleville Historical Society, Inc.

## **VIII. Revision of Rules**

These contest rules may be revised by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the Shankleville Historical Society and Scholarship Committee.

## **END NOTES**

1. The topic of the original essay for the 2010 contest shall be: "Obedience: A Shankleville Heritage".

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2. These letters of endorsement should come from leaders (educational, religious, and civic), who know the applicant well enough to elaborate on his/her character, work habits, persistence, service, etc. Each of these letters should reveal the position, address, telephone number and signature of writer.