

2019 – 2020 City of Mesa Historical Preservation Board Writing Contest!

Who May Participate? All students who live in the City of Mesa and who are enrolled in grades 4 – 6 are eligible to participate in the writing contest! Students who have family members who serve on the Mesa Historical Preservation Board are not eligible to participate.

To download the contest entry form and to learn more, please visit:

<http://www.mesaaz.gov/about-us/historic-preservation>

Contest Rules

All entries must comply with the following contest rules before submission:

- Literary form must be either historic fiction essay or oral history.
- Each entry must reflect the contestants own research, writing and original thinking.
- All sources must be properly cited.
- Only one (1) entry may be submitted by each contestant.
- Each contestant must complete and attach a student entry form.
- Each entry will be a maximum of 750 words in length.
- Entries may be typed or neatly written.
- The title of the essay, but NOT the authors name, MUST appear on the top of all pages of the entry text.

Send the student form and essay to:

Ariana Urban
Historic Preservation Coordinator
City of Mesa
PO Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Or, if you wish to email your essay, send it to: Ariana.urban@mesaAZ.gov

Entries must be received or postmarked on or before March 27, 2020

The Essay / Oral History Information:

The entry can be either a historical fiction based on one of the above mentioned topics or an oral history of someone the student interviews. Historical fiction is a fictional story with real people and places and imaginary characters that takes place during a time of history in Mesa. There are many resources to find information on the chosen topic on the Internet as well as use of the Mesa Library, City of Mesa museums, and cultural sites to help guide the story to be created. An oral history is a personal interview with a senior citizen (aged 60 or older) who grew up in Mesa and who is familiar with the topics above. The oral history needs to be about what that person remembers from Mesa prior to 1970.

Awards:

Every contestant will receive a Certificate of Participation and cash awards to the first, second, and third place winners. First place wins \$50, second place wins \$30, and third place wins \$20. The winners will be awarded their prizes at a future City of Mesa City Council Meeting. Exact date of Council meeting to be announced.



2019 - 2020 Historical **Writing** Contest

Sponsored by:

The Mesa Historic Preservation Board

The contest will be open December 10, 2019 to March 27, 2020

Eligibility Requirements:

All students in the 4th through 6th grade, who reside in the City of Mesa, are eligible to participate in the writing contest.

Awards:

Every contestant will receive a certificate of participation. There will be cash awards given to first (\$50), second (\$30), and third (\$20) place contest winners. The top three winners will be presented with their award money and certificates at a future televised Mesa City Council meeting.

2018-19 Essay Topics:

This year students may choose to write a fictional story based on one of the following topics or to interview a senior citizen (65 years or older) who grew up in Mesa and write his/ her story. If choosing one of these topics, please have the setting in Mesa and consider what life would be like in Mesa during the time period for your story.

- How did water help Mesa grow
- How did the Airforce Bases help Mesa in WWII
- First of Mesa (choose two): schools, families, grocery stores, hardware stores or post office

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- If you wish to send your entry via e-mail, send it to: arianna.urban@mesaaz.gov
- Entries must be postmarked on or before contest due date on March 27, 2020.
- **Entries will not be returned to the author;** they become property of the Mesa Historic Preservation Board. The Board may reprint the essays in publications, online or use them at workshops. Appropriate citations will be given to the writers

The Essay/Oral History:

The entry can be either a historical fictional essay based on one of the topics listed above or an oral history of someone you interview. Historical fiction is a fictional story with real people and places and imaginary characters that takes place during a time in the history of Mesa. There are many resources available on the internet as well as local libraries, museums and cultural sites to help guide you in your writing. An oral history must be based on an interview with a senior citizen (65 years or older) who grew up in Mesa. The entry must convey their recollections of what Mesa was like prior to 1970.

Judging:

A committee of Mesa Historic Preservation Board members will narrow the submissions to the top 10 essays using a rubric to evaluate the quality of the writing. The full Board will then determine the top three entries based on the overall impression of the degree to which the story conveys the history of Mesa.



Historical Writing Contest

Student Entry Form

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Please print this form out and return it with your essay.

First and Last Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

By signing, you agree that the Board may reprint, publish online or use the essay at workshops.

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Historical WRITING or VIDEO Contest
Student Entry Form

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Please include this completed form with your essay or video.

First and Last Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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