



"To encourage and promote the education of the general public regarding Texas Independence Day and the history of Texas and its people."

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Dear Teacher,

Celebrate Texas is pleased to announce our annual Art and Essay Contest, to commemorate March 2, Texas Independence Day. The 2005 contest has first, second, and third place winners in four geographical areas. The first place High school winner will receive a \$1,000.00 college scholarship. The second and third place high school winners will also receive prizes as well as the middle and elementary school's first, second, and third place winners.

The contest entries must be postmarked by February 2, 2005 and the winners will be announced on March 2, 2005 at the celebration in the State Capitol rotunda. The program will be at 12:00 noon. This year's topic for each school level is as follows:

ELEMENTARY ART: What I Like Best About Texas.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY: Why I Am Proud to be a Texan

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY: What Makes Texas Unique?

It is our desire that students learn about and love their state, TEXAS. This contest may be used as a teaching tool, a springboard for discussion, or a home activity for extra credit. For further information on Texas Independence Day events, please see our website [www.celebratetexas.org](http://www.celebratetexas.org). Additional entry forms may be downloaded, and high school scholarship rules are posted. You are allowed to sign permission for the student's entry. This is a "blind" entry, so please insure that the students do not write their name on any of their work. Please attach the entry forms securely to the students' work. The rules are on the entry form or can be found on our website.

We are looking forward to announcing the winners, and best of luck to your students.

Sincerely,

*Marsha E. Johnson*

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**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Texas Independence Day**

## ENTRY DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 2, 2005



Celebrate Texas student contests are held to promote awareness of Texas Independence Day, the history of Texas and its people and of course for fun and prizes.

### **CELEBRATE TEXAS 2005 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART CONTEST**

The first-place winner in each district will have their winning entry custom framed, compliments of The Frame Corner, Austin, and TX, and returned to the winners

The artwork must be on a plain sheet of 8 1/2" x 11" paper. This year's subject is **"What I Like Best About Texas"**. The student shall draw the picture by hand and color it as they see fit. Computer generated or three-dimensional art will not be accepted. The student is encouraged to label their art. **The student's name MUST NOT be written on the artwork itself.**

To enter, just clip out the Contest Entry Form, fill it out, checking the "Elementary Art Contest" block and attach it to the entry. Send the entry to the address on the entry form

### **CELEBRATE TEXAS 2005 MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

First, Second and Third place winners will receive prizes to be announced later on the Celebrate Texas website. The subject of this year's essay is **"Why I am proud to be a Texan"**. The essay must be on plain white 8 1/2" x 11", no longer than two pages in length. The entry should be typewritten using a typeface no smaller than 10pt. The work must be the student's original work; no copies of existing work shall be considered. **The student's name MUST NOT be written on the essay itself.**

To enter, just clip out the Contest Entry Form, fill it out, checking the "Middle School Essay Contest" block and attach it to the entry. Send the entry to the address on the entry form

### **CELEBRATE TEXAS 2005 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

The four First place winners will be awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship (subject to the Scholarship Award Rules). Second and Third place winners will receive prizes to be announced later on the Celebrate Texas website.

The subject of this year's essay is **"What makes Texas Unique"** The essay must be on plain white 8 1/2" x 11", no longer than two pages in length. The entry should be typewritten using a typeface no smaller than 10pt. The work must be the student's original work; no copies of existing work shall be considered. **The student's name MUST NOT be written on the essay itself.**

To enter, just clip out the Contest Entry Form, fill it out, checking the "High School Essay Contest" block and attach it to the entry. Send the entry to the address on the entry form

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e-mail to : [celebra8@texas.net](mailto:celebra8@texas.net)

Winners announced Mar. 2, 2005 at Noon at State Capitol.

## **CELEBRATE TEXAS STUDENT ENTRY FORM**

### **PLEASE PRINT**

STUDENT'S  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_, TX

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE  
( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **ATTACHED IS MY ENTRY IN (CHECK ONE)**

ELEMENTARY ART CONTEST

MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_, TX

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE:

As the parent/guardian or teacher of the above-named student, I herewith give my permission for the student's entry into the contest indicated hereon. I also grant the contest sponsors the right to publish or display the entry.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry to: CELEBRATE TEXAS  
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Austin, Texas 78704  
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