



THE IMPACT OF PRESERVATION
2022 High School Scholarship Contest
Thursday, October 6, 2022

General Information:

The purpose of the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc., High School Scholarship Program: “The Impact of Preservation Contest” is to provide participants and audience members education and appreciation about our region’s historic structures. Additionally, students will gain valuable experience in public speaking, along with a unique opportunity to learn about the value of local historic preservation.

Scholarships:

Scholarships are presented to the three finalists as follows: **1st Place: \$1,000; 2nd Place: \$500; 3rd Place: \$250.** These scholarships may be used to attend any community/junior college, approved vocational school, or university, or college in the United States. *Scholarships will be paid directly to the institution.*

Eligibility:

All students presently enrolled in a New Hanover County, Brunswick County, or Pender County school as a junior or senior for the 2022-2023 school year may apply. The contest is limited to the first 25 qualifying students who apply.

Time/Date/Location:

The contest will take place on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in room U-170 of the Union Station building of Cape Fear Community College (on the corner of Red Cross and North Front Street). *Note: If participation is particularly high, we will move to a 2-round contest, with the first (elimination) round beginning at 5:30pm.*

Application Due Date:

Applications are due by Thursday, September 29, 2022. *If you intend upon using a visual aid during your speech, please send the file to scholarships@historicwilmington.org by Wednesday, October 5 at noon.*

Format:

Each qualifying contestant shall conduct research and present one brief presentation limited to 5 minutes or less, and may use a visual aid (e.g., PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, etc.), if desired. *(Visual aides are not necessary and do not contribute to the judges’ scoring.)* The students will select one (1) of the structures from the approved list (listed below) and conduct independent research on the structure. Buildings not on the list will not be considered for this contest. Each student will discuss the following four points:

1. Origin of the Structure

2. Historical & Cultural Significance of the Structure
3. Importance of Preserving the Structure
4. Impact of Historic Preservation

LIST OF HISTORIC SITES:

1. **John N. Smith Cemetery** (225 East Leonard Street, Southport, NC)
 - a. *John N. Smith Cemetery is Brunswick County's largest African American cemetery with burials dating to the 1870s and many examples of grave goods such as sea shells. The cemetery is the Lower Cape Fear's newest addition to the National Register of Historic Places.*
2. **Gaylord Department Store** (226 N. Front Street)
 - a. *Opened in 1900 as the Big Racket Department Store by George O. Gaylord, and later, the Belk-Williams Department Store. Today, the building is adaptively reused as Common Desk and historic materials were saved during the rehabilitation through Legacy Architectural Salvage.*
3. **Greenfield Park** (1739 Burnett Boulevard, Wilmington, NC)
 - a. *Created by enslaved labor for Colonial rice production, Greenfield Lake was purchased by the City of Wilmington for recreation purposes and improved through efforts of the Works Progress Administration and Cape Fear Garden Club.*
4. **Gregory Congregational Church** (609 Nun Street, Wilmington, NC)
 - a. *Gregory Congregational Church was dedicated in 1881 on land donated by the American Missionary Association. The church served as a gathering place for Black activists protesting the closure of Williston High School—leading to the wrongful conviction of the Wilmington 10.*
5. **Love & Charity Hall - Site of Daily Record (demolished)** (419 S. 7th Street, Wilmington, NC)
 - a. *Headquarters for the Love & Charity Benevolent Association next to St. Luke's AME Church. The hall was burned by a white supremacist mob during the Coup d'état of 1898.*
6. **Captain Charlie's Station** (Captain Charlie's Light Station Park, Smithville, Bald Head Island, NC)
 - a. *These three cottages housed the keepers (and their families) of Cape Fear Light Station, which operated on Bald Head Island from 1903 until 1958. Although the lighthouse was destroyed, the keepers' cottages remain.*
7. **Brooklyn Arts Center** (516 N 4th Street, Wilmington, NC)
 - a. *Constructed as St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1888-1889, the building was saved for preservation thanks to collaboration between the City of Wilmington, Historic Wilmington Foundation, and others.*
8. **Pender County Courthouse** (100 S Wright Street, Burgaw, NC)
 - a. *The Pender County Courthouse was constructed during the Great Depression using funds and labor from President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs. Its history includes the trial of the Wilmington 10 and prolific use in the film industry.*
9. **Eagles Island**
 - a. *Located across the Cape Fear River from Wilmington, Eagles Island contains miles of rice canals, dozens of shipwrecks, and is home to the USS North Carolina - a National Historic Landmark.*

Research:

Students should make every reasonable effort to visit their selected structure at least one time. In doing so, students must ensure that they observe hours of operation, and that for any non-public structure, they contact the facility ahead of time for permission.

In addition, students are encouraged to use print materials, interviews, online materials, etc. Students must use good judgment in determining the validity of any source upon which they rely, and are particularly cautioned to be careful to verify online resources!

Judging Criteria:

In general, students will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Content (60%)
 - a. Explanation of Four Speaking Points:
 - i. Origin of the Structure
 - ii. Historical & Cultural Significance of the Structure
 - iii. Importance of Preserving the Structure
 - iv. Impact of Historic Preservation
 - b. Strength of Introduction & Conclusion
 - c. Originality
2. Presentation (40%)
 - a. Voice: projection, clarity, and confidence
 - b. Style: grammar, syntax, word choice
 - c. Poise: posture, eye contact, gestures
 - d. Pacing & Delivery

Application Instructions:

Complete the attached application and submit it to scholarships@historicwilmington.org on or before September 29, 2022.

Attire for Presentation:

Please dress in business professional attire, which includes: suits, dresses, slacks, skirts, button-up shirts, blouses, blazers, dress shoes, etc. *(If you have trouble acquiring these items, no worries! Simply contact the staff of HWF for assistance: scholarships@historicwilmington.org.)*

Conduct:

Appropriate and respectful conduct is expected. Our judges will reserve the right to disqualify any student deemed to be behaving inappropriately, or presenting inappropriate subject matter, and remove any contestant or audience member for inappropriate behavior.

Questions:

Please direct all questions to scholarships@historicwilmington.org.

Above all, have fun! We look forward to your presentations!



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Full Name of Student (First, Middle, Last):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Current High School:

Current Grade Level (Junior or Senior):

Selected Structure:

- John N. Smith Cemetery
- Gaylord Department Store (Common Desk)
- Greenfield Park
- Gregory Congregational Church
- Love & Charity Hall - Site of Daily Record (demolished)
- Captain Charlie's Station
- Brooklyn Arts Center
- Pender County Courthouse
- Eagles Island

Do you intend to utilize a digital, visual aid (e.g., PowerPoint) for your presentation? _____

Do you need any accessibility accommodations? If so, please describe. (We're here and happy to assist!)

I, the above listed student, hereby affirm that I have reviewed the terms for the contest, including the conduct and attire requirements, and that I will abide by all rules for this competition.

Signature

Date