

2026



Ash-David-Hammond Scholarship

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Harrison County Genealogical Society
519 Turkey Run RD
Mt Clare, WV 26408

March 19, 2026

TO:

Harrison County High School Guidance Counselors
Harrison County High School Senior English Teachers

Dear Guidance Counselors/English Teachers:

The Harrison County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be awarded to an essay winner. The essay contest is open to all high school seniors who are planning to pursue any post-secondary education (college, technology school, trade school, etc.).

Please see all instructions in this packet before submitting an entry.

Respectfully,

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Susan House

Harrison County Genealogical Society

For Questions Please Contact: Marsha Viglianco - 304-844-4397 daycareflowers@aol.com

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About

The Harrison County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a single \$1000 scholarship opportunity to be awarded to one essay winner.

2026 Dates

Scholarship applications will be accepted March 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026.

Eligibility

The scholarship essay contest is open to all Harrison County high school seniors who are planning to pursue any post-secondary education including traditional college, technology school, trade or vocational school, etc. Students must be a senior in grade 12 and expected to graduate by the end of the 2025-2026 school year (Spring 2026).

Students enrolled in public school, home school, private school, or virtual school are permitted to apply.

Requirements

Entrants must write an original essay about their family genealogy.

The essay should be a minimum of 500 words and include information about several past generations. A pedigree or family tree must be included.

This packet contains suggested prompts and family tree illustrations that might assist the student with their essay.

Format for Submission

Essays must be typed and use 12 point standard font (such as Arial or Times New Roman) and use double line spacing. Please include your first and last name on all documents. If emailing, essays and Family Trees must be submitted as a PDF. All submissions must include the *Student Detail Form* included in this packet.

Submissions

Submissions must be postmarked by April 30, 2026 or emailed by April 30, 2026.

Please Mail Paper Copies to:

Roger House, President
519 Turkey Run Road
Mt. Clare, WV 26408

Or email a PDF to:

csacannon@aol.com

Judging Criteria

One winner will be chosen from submissions. Entries will be judged on adherence to the guidelines, expression of contest theme, and originality in writing. Please do not plagiarize. Any submission that is found to have copied work will be disqualified.

Winners & Awards

The winner will be announced in May 2026 and will be presented with their award at the Clarksburg History Museum at the Harrison County Board of Education Building (445 W. Main Street). (DATE is To Be Determined).

Contact Information

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The Clarksburg History Museum is not a funding source for the Ash-David-Hammond Scholarship. All scholarship funds are provided exclusively by the Harrison County Genealogical Society through its designated scholarship fund. The Museum's only role is to provide the venue for the award ceremony.

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Student Detail Form - Please Print, complete, and submit with your essay

Student Name (First and last)

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Parent or Guardian Name

School Name and Grade

What are your plans for after high school? (Include college or university name).

I have read the rules and included both my essay and family tree with this form.

Student Signature

Date

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Writing Prompts

The following prompts may be used to assist the applicant to complete their essay. The prompts are not a required starting point, nor do they need to be mentioned in the essay.

- Explain how or why you become interested in your family genealogy
- Share your experience with your family tree research and your family tree
- Share a favorite thing you have learned about your family history
- Explain why you feel researching your family history is important

Family Tree Example

This example is a sample illustration of how an applicant may choose to represent their family tree.

Family Tree

