

**LYCOMING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2020 RICHARD L. & MIRIAM L. SWAN MIX STUDENT HISTORIAN AWARD
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

1. **Eligibility:** Any senior attending school in Lycoming County is invited to submit an entry. One entry per student; essays become the property of LCHS and will not be returned.
2. **Due Date:** Friday, April 3, 2020
3. **Announcement of Winner:** Friday, April 17, 2020
4. **Cash Prize:** \$500.00
5. **Judging:** The winner will be determined by a team of judges from the LCHS. All entries will be reviewed anonymously (essays will be identified by number, not by name). The decision of the judges is final.
6. **Contact Person:** Submit questions to John Raymond (email: jlbray@comcast.net or phone 570-326-0861). You may submit your final essay via email to John Raymond or present it in person at the front desk, LCHS Thomas T. Taber Museum, 858 West Fourth St., Williamsport, PA 17701
7. **Theme: "The Taber—Today and Tomorrow"**
How is the past (as displayed at The Taber Museum) connected to the present and to the future?
8. **Essay Requirements:** Select an artifact or an exhibit displayed at the Taber Museum and write an essay in which you address the following:
 - a. Describe the object's/exhibit's appearance, the materials used in its construction and its use or importance.
 - b. What does this historical subject tell you about life in the past?
 - c. How is this historical subject similar to its modern counterpart?
 - d. How is this historical subject different from its modern counterpart?
 - e. How might this historical subject change in the future?
9. **Format:** Your cover page must include a title, your name, your school, your email address and phone number. **The essay must be at least 4 pages (1,000 words) and no longer than 6 pages (1,500 words)**, typed, double-spaced, 12-point font such as Geneva, Helvetica, Times, or New York (as a guide, consult appropriate MLA writing standards). Since the essay requires descriptive and interpretive language rather than formal academic research, any source materials used must be cited but a formal bibliography is not required.