## LYCOMING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2025 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 4, 2025

3. Notification of Winner: Monday April 14, 2025

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. Submit** your final essay electronically to **info@tabermuseum.org** or to the museum front desk, LCHS, Thomas T. Taber Museum, 858 West Fourth St., Williamsport, PA 17701
- 7. Theme: "Stepping Into The Past at the Taber"

Select a time period at the Taber Museum and become a person who lived at that time in history.

- **8. Essay Requirements:** Select from one of the museum galleries (for instance, Victorian home, Lumber, Pioneer home, Train room, etc.) and write a first person essay about your life addressing the following:
  - **a.** Essay must be historically accurate for the time period depicted in the gallery.
  - **b.** Imagine yourself in the gallery. Choose various items you observe in the gallery and explain how they would be used as part of your daily life.
  - \* Remember to use your senses and literary devices to make your essay as creative as possible.
- 9. Format: Your cover page must include a title, your name, your school, your email address, and phone number. The essay must be between 800 1200 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.