

**2018 GRHS Adult Essay
Contest**

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**GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
HERITAGE SOCIETY**

GRHS Essay Contest Theme

“GRHS –
Today, Tomorrow,
Always”

**Contest Rules
And
Entry Form
Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS)
Sponsored Annual
GRHS Adult Essay Contest!
*THEME: GRHS – Today, Tomorrow, Always***

An International GRHS Adult Essay Contest, sponsored by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota, will be held to encourage adults to explore the importance of the society as a whole, and in that regard to compose an essay on why the preservation of the society is so vitally important. Contest judging will commence after the close of the Contest on 31 March with the winner being announced after the judging has been completed. Winning contestant will be invited to receive their awards at a luncheon held in their honor during the GRHS Convention on 18-22 July 2018 in Pierre, SD.

ELIGIBILITY: This GRHS Adult Essay Contest is open to all adults, both members and non-members of GRHS. The subject of the paper must be directly related to the preservation of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. A contestant does not need to be ethnic German-Russian to enter the contest. Members of GRHS Board of Directors and members of GRHS Fundraising Committee are not eligible to enter contest. Resubmission of previously judged work is not permitted.

Award:

One winner will be selected from entries received, and said winner will receive a \$500 cash prize.

TOPICS: Adult Essay topics must revolve around the theme of why our society is vitally important to the continuation of our heritage and people group. The purpose of this essay contest is to raise awareness among the general population, and especially amongst the GRHS membership as to utmost importance of the future preservation of our society. This contest is being sponsored by the Fundraising Committee, and as such they will use the winning essay as a promotional tool in their fundraising efforts. All contest essays must be written following the contest theme of GRHS – Today, Tomorrow, Always; and all essays will be judged by their power to persuade members to do their part in ensuring the future of the society.

FORMAT: Format for the entries may include:

- Persuasive works and/or historical analysis.
- Creative writing, including short stories, fictional diaries, plays, historical fiction, and descriptive prose.
- Genealogical history of a particular family including individual histories of ancestors.

□ Digital Media, including but not limited to PowerPoint, short film, and website design. Please note: all digital media will be judged according to the same criteria as other entries.

PAPER REQUIREMENTS:

Adult Essay contest entries should be two to five pages in length, typed, double spaced. The committee is looking for heartfelt opinions and thoughts, personal testimonies, and validation of the importance of the society. As such, no research is necessary, and no bibliography is required.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

All essays in this contest will be judged solely on their “power of persuasion”. This contest is part of the 10 year capitol fundraising campaign, being conducted by the Fundraising Committee of GRHS. The fundraising committee is interested in hearing member’s opinions, personal testimonies about how they have benefited from the society, member’s opinions on the value, and importance of the society, and/or the absolute need to keep the society financially solvent and active into perpetuity.

AWARDS:

With the winner’s authorization, winning essays may be published in the GRHS Heritage Review and/or electronically on the GRHS website. In addition, the winner will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Official GRHS Essay Contest Entry Form

Entry deadline: Completed essay and entry form must postmarked by 31 March 2018. Entry forms and papers may be submitted by email or through USPS (EMAIL is preferred). Please submit entries to:

Erika Weidemann, Co-Chair
GRHS Youth Committee
2911 Aztec Ct.
College Station, TX 77845
grhsessay@gmail.com

The entry form must accompany the essay. Essays and entry forms may be sent by e-mail to elweidmann@yahoo.com. If e-mailing a completed essay and entry form, please send a signed copy of the entry form to the above address. This contest information and this entry form are also available on the Youth Program pages on the GRHS website at www.grhs.org.

“GRHS – Today, Tomorrow, Always”

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Contestant's Name: _____

_____ Date: _____
Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Contestant's Signature: _____

Date: _____ 2018

(Each entry **MUST** have a copy of this completed official entry form attached).

GRHS Essay Contest Publication Release

We, the GRHS Committee, are excited to share your work with the GRHS members and the world. Therefore, we ask your permission to publish your entry and/or your photo. Please note that entering or winning the GRHS Essay contest does not depend on your willingness to share your work. However, we will be grateful if you grant us permission to do so.

Please check one box, and fill out the information below:

_____ As a contestant in the Germans from Russia Heritage Society's GRHS Essay Contest,

I hereby **give my consent** to GRHS to make public (publish in both print and on the Internet) the information which has been submitted by the undersigned for the GRHS Essay Contest.

_____ I **do not wish** to have my essay or photo published.

Please print, sign and date this form. It must be included with the contest entry form.

Contestant's Name (print)

Contestant's Signature

_____ Date _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone # _____

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____

Date _____

Please submit this form along with the GRHS Essay Contest Entry Form to:

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