



The Historical Society of Old Abington (HSOA)

is holding its annual essay/historical fiction/video contest, open to all.

- Entrants are required to pay a \$20.00 entry fee to the HSOA.
- The entry fee is waived for current members of the HSOA.

Contestants may write an historical essay or work of historical fiction or create a video about a significant person or event that relates to Old Abington's history (Abington, Rockland, Whitman) 1600s to present-day, or about a personal remembrance related to Old Abington. The entry should reflect accurate historical facts based on research by the author as part of its narrative. The length of the written/visual piece should be enough to adequately convey and support the topic.

- If written, the original work should be typed double-spaced.
- Only one entry per person is allowed.
- The author's name should not be on the original work, but rather on the included entry form.
- If submitting a video, it should be a YouTube video.
- The entry form must include the name, working title, email address, and phone number of the entrant.
- The entry form should be placed on top of four copies of the essay/historical fiction or included with the video.
- Entries must be postmarked/sent by February 28, 2024, and may be mailed or dropped off to:

Historical Society of Old Abington

28 Centre Ave.

P.O. Box 2245

Abington, MA 02351

Entries also may be emailed as a pdf or YouTube video link to HSOAEssay@gmail.com. Work received after the deadline will not be considered.

The work should reflect in-depth research using multiple sources. The writer/creator may consider visiting the Dyer Memorial Library, as well as local public libraries, historical societies, and/or historical commissions as repositories for research information. All sources must be appropriately cited.

Essays will be judged on:

- Originality
- Accuracy of historical facts
- References cited and bibliography (Videos must also have a bibliography.)
- Form, which includes an introduction, body, and conclusion and a clearly stated, well-developed thesis statement with supportive historical evidence.

The entry may be accompanied by illustrations, maps, photos, and/or charts if desired, but the judging will be on the written/video material only. Artificial Intelligence may not be used in the creation of entries.

The first-place winner will be awarded \$200 and a year's (2024-2025) free membership in the HSOA. Several people may work together to submit an entry; however, the award in this case will be split among the authors.

Entries will be judged by members of the **Historical Society of Old Abington**.

For all entries, the Historical Society of Old Abington will have free and unrestricted republishing rights for non-commercial use. All future uses of entries will be duly cited.

Questions about the contest should be emailed to HSOAEssay@gmail.com.

Essay/Video Contest Entry Form



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Name of Entrant: _____

Essay/Video Title: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____



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