

## Bicentennial Essay Contest Entry Form

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

Topic of Essay \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (select one and fill in appropriate information)

Grade 5, 6, 7 or 8

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High School

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

College

Post-Secondary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Education/Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



## Bicentennial Essay Contest Official Rules

### Send essay and completed form to:

Pike County Historical Society  
% Bicentennial Committee  
P.O. Box 44  
Pittsfield, IL 62363



or email to [pikeil200th@gmail.com](mailto:pikeil200th@gmail.com) as a Word (.docx)  
or PDF (.pdf) file

### “Write about a person, place or event in Pike County’s history.”

**Criteria for judging** are simply content and effort. Are important details included and presented well? Is the information correct? Did the author stick to the prompt and follow the rules? See guidelines below for more details.

This contest is open **August 31 – January 8, 2021**. Submissions must be emailed or postmarked no later than January 8. You will receive confirmation when we receive your essay, along with virtual presentation information. **All entrants** will be offered the opportunity to present these and any accompanying information virtually on our YouTube channel.

Entries will be separated by age group and a winner will be determined from each. Each winner will receive a prize. **Age groups are:** Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 separately; High School (grades 9-12); College (post-secondary education/training - includes graduate, medical and technical/vocational school); Adult (adults no longer in school). The winner from the college group will receive a scholarship of \$250, paid directly to the student. Other prizes have not yet been determined. Winners will be contacted for more information to be shared for publicity.

### Guidelines:

- ★ Your prompt: Write about a person, place or event in Pike County’s history.
- ★ No minimum of words or pages.
- ★ Maximum of 8 pages, no maximum of words.
- ★ Please use one of the following fonts at size 12, 13 or 14 point; 1.5 or double spaced.
  - Garamond, Arial, Times New Roman, Courier New, Georgia, Helvetica
- ★ Cite your sources! We need at least a list of people, websites and books consulted. This does not need to be a full bibliography with proper citations, we just need a list.