



Call for Projects: 2021 HISTORIC PRESERVATION STUDENT COMPETITION

OVERVIEW:

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is hosting a competition for students to encourage them to explore the history of Meridian. We hope that the students involved will gain a better understanding of Meridian and be able to communicate their experience as a Meridian resident.

Submissions will be categorized in elementary school, middle school, and high school groups, and an award will be given to the student with the top score in each category. The awards will be \$500 for the high school student, \$200 for the middle school student, and an annual family membership to Zoo Boise for the elementary school student.

Submitted projects may be retained in our records and may be referenced in other program materials or presentations. Student shall, and hereby does, expressly waive any and all right, title, or interest in the submitted project. Student understands that this waiver includes waivers of the exclusive rights of reproductions, adaptation, publication, and display.

ELIGIBILITY:

This call is open to students regardless of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, or disability. Submissions will be accepted from West Ada School District students in high school, middle school, and elementary school students.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

Meridian students are invited to submit an Applications & Acknowledgements form and original project. Projects could be formal essays, digital or multimedia projects, oral history, visual artwork, dioramas, etc. These projects will be a response to one of the prompts below, according to the grade of the student.

Middle and High School Students Prompt: Historically, Meridian's identity has centered around its booming agricultural and dairy industry; however, in recent years, the agricultural and dairy industries have not dominated Meridian as they once did. Meridian's heritage will always be connected to its farms, fields, stock shows, and dairy production but now Meridian is going through a transitory period. What is Meridian's identity today? What should residents and visitors know about Meridian?

To help you ponder these questions, imagine that you are 50 years in the future, writing a history book, giving a tour, or creating an image of Meridian in 2021. How would you describe the Meridian that you experience today to future generations? What do you think Meridian should be remembered for?

Elementary School Students Prompt: What is your favorite historical place to visit in Meridian? Why do you think this place is important?

For a list of historical places you can visit, go to <https://meridiancity.org/history/walkingtour/> or grab a map from the Historic Walking Tour kiosks located in front of Meridian City Hall or in Generations Plaza in front of Deja Brew.

Submissions must provide the following materials and information to HPC via email, mail, or hand delivered in order to be considered for award:

- Completed, signed Application & Acknowledgements form; forms are available online at <https://meridiancity.org/history/competition> or upon request via email.
- Completed project responding to the prompts above

DEADLINE:

To be considered, all materials must be received by HPC by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The selection panel for the 2021 Historic Preservation Student Competition will be made up of HPC Commissioners. The selection panel will score submissions based on the judging criteria listed below. HPC will notify awardees by Friday, May 21, 2021. The students with the highest overall score in each category will be awarded prizes. The minimum average score to be considered eligible for an award is 85 points.

AWARDED PROJECTS:

The City of Meridian will email a letter to the awarded students. The awards will be \$500 for the high school student, \$200 for the middle school student, and an annual family membership to Zoo Boise for the elementary school student. Students (or their guardians) will be asked to fill out a W-9 form to return to the City before checks may be mailed.

QUESTIONS?

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HPC Student Competition JUDGING CRITERIA	EVALUATION							COMMENTS
	Maximum	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Minimal	Unacceptable	

Historical Quality (60%)	20	18.5	17	15	12	10	5	
Places topic in historic context								
Shows analysis and interpretation on the topic								
Evidence of critical thinking skills								
Points Per Section								____ / 60

Relation to Theme (20%)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4.5	
Responds directly to assigned prompt								
Demonstrates understanding of significance of topic in history and draws conclusions								
Points Per Section								____ / 20

Clarity of Presentation (20%)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4.5	
Demonstrates understanding of prompt								
Project is clear, organized, and easy to understand								
Points Per Section								____ / 20

Rules Compliance	Yes	No	
Original work			
All materials complete			
Turned in on time			

Points Total	____ / 100
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