



# Pioneer Museum \$1,000 Scholarship

Flora Wertheim left a bequest to the Gillespie County Historical Society. Her request was to give one high school student \$100 every year for writing the best historical essay. The idea was, and is, to *reward the student that expresses the most enthusiasm in learning our local history*. Today we have increased that amount to a \$1,000 scholarship every year for the student who writes the best historical essay or book report about anything in Gillespie County. We would like the student to visit and use the resources of the Gillespie County Historical Society with their classmates, friends and/or family.

*Pioneer Museum Mission Statement: To share the cultural panorama of the Texas Hill Country through experiences that enlighten and inspire.*

## RESOURCES:

Pioneer Museum Complex – has historical artifacts, books, buildings, tours and activities to participate in like lessons in rope making, quilting, games of yesterday, one-room school lessons, churning butter, washing clothes with a scrub board, seed art and making corn husk dolls; demonstrations of blacksmiths and basket weavers and so much more.

(see [www.pioneermuseum.net](http://www.pioneermuseum.net) for details)

Vereins Kirche Museum– has historical pictures, artifacts and books and is a 1935 historical replica of the first public building built in Fredericksburg in 1848.

Contest is open to *any Gillespie County resident entering Freshman level classes at any accredited college in the current or next school year*. Essays must be between 2,000-3,000 words, typed and delivered to address below or emailed to [info@pioneermuseum.net](mailto:info@pioneermuseum.net) by *May 31<sup>st</sup>* each year. Please include contact information. Once a winner is decided, they will be notified in July and awarded a \$1,000 reimbursement check upon proof of purchase (receipts) from accredited school, book store or proof of school supplies.

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