



Texas Wendish Heritage Society and Museum - Serbin, Texas

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

We welcome you as an applicant for a Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) established our scholarship program to encourage students to learn more about and develop an appreciation for their Wendish heritage. The scholarship program is for the exclusive benefit of students of Wendish descent. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for 2016 – 2017. In addition, applicants and their parents must be members of TWHS. You may easily join TWHS by completing a membership card and submitting dues with this scholarship application. You may also join online by visiting our website at www.texaswendish.org. *Membership dues paid prior to September 1st are applied to current calendar year, with renewals due the following January.*

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2016. The application must be filled out in its entirety and include the following: completed Pedigree Chart, essay of up to 1,000 words on the subject described on the application form, and proof of enrollment. Only completed applications will be considered. Do not leave items blank. Questions or concerns about information requested in the application should be addressed prior to submission by contacting the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or wendish@bluebon.net.

We encourage you to thoroughly explore your Wendish heritage and ancestry to submit an application that is well researched and represents how you value the mission of the Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship program. Consideration for a scholarship award is based on a scoring system of up to 80 points maximum using the following criteria: (1) Completeness of application - 30 points (2) Essay - 30 points, and (3) Involvement in TWHS - 20 points.

Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are accumulated through fundraising projects and donations from TWHS members. Scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2016 semester. Recipients will be notified recipients by mail and will be introduced during Wendish Fest on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

There are many research resources available to you here at the museum. Feel free to contact us if we can assist you. And do feel free to visit the museum - we will be happy to speak with you.

Thank you, and good luck!

Sincerely,
Jan Slack
President

TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2016 - 2017 Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

- Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarships will be awarded to students of Wendish descent who are enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for 2016 - 2017.
- Applicants and their parents must be members of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS).
- Scholarship recipients may apply each year.

Applicants may easily join TWHS by completing a membership card and submitting dues with this scholarship application or via our website at www.texaswendish.org. Membership dues paid prior to September 1st are applied to current calendar year, with renewals due the following January.

APPLICATION

- Scholarship applications are available at the Wendish Museum and online at texaswendish.org.
- The application form must be filled out in its entirety and include the following: (1) a completed Pedigree Chart (2) an essay of up to 1,000 words on the subject described on the application form, and (3) proof of enrollment.
- Applications may be submitted at the Wendish Museum, by mail to TWHS 1011 CR 212, Giddings, Texas 78942, or by email to wendish@bluebon.net.
- Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Scholarship amounts will be determined according to funds available, scoring criteria, and number of applicants.
- Scholarships will be awarded for Fall 2016 semester.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail, and will be introduced during Wendish Fest on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA

The Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship program committee reviews applications. Consideration for an award is based on a scoring system using the following criteria: (A) Completeness of application (B) Essay, and (C) Involvement in TWHS. The maximum number of points awarded to an application is 80, with 30 points in (A), 30 points in (B) and 20 points in (C).

- A maximum of 30 points is given for completeness of application according to degree of research and information in (a) Pedigree Chart, (b) essay of up to 1,000 words on the subject described on the application form, and (c) proof of enrollment.
- A maximum of 30 points is given for essays and are scored according to demonstration of a well researched, thought out, and developed paper, citing all sources.
- (a) quality of research, (b) demonstration of personal learning, and (c) quality of writing.
- A maximum of 20 points is given for degree of involvement in TWHS and may be based upon (a) applicant/family visits to Wendish Museum, (b) applicant's new or interesting experiences during visit/s to the Wendish Museum, (c) assistance provided at the Wendish Museum by applicant and/or family members, (d) volunteer work during Wendish Fest or other Museum activities by applicant and/or family members, and (e) Suggestions/commitment for long distance opportunities (f) applicant's efforts to share and promote their Wendish heritage.

Please Note: Only complete applications will be considered. Concerns or questions about information requested in the application should be addressed prior to submission by contacting the Museum at (979) 366-2441 or wendish@bluebon.net.

**TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2016 - 2017**

SECTION I

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
e-mail _____
Previous TWHS scholarships received _____

SECTION II

Year of High School Graduation and name of School _____
College or Program where you are now enrolled _____
Degree you are pursuing _____
Expected date of completion _____
(Attach proof of enrollment)

SECTION III

Name and address of college office that should receive scholarship funds if selected:

College/University _____
Office to receive these funds _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Student I. D. number _____

SECTION IV

Scholarship applicant and parents must be members of TWHS.

Are you a current member of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society? _____
Name of parent(s) and are they current members of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society?

How many years have you and your parents been members of TWHS? _____

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Answers to questions 1 - 10 may be attached on additional pages.

1. How often have you and/or your family visited the Museum complex in the past three years?
2. What new, interesting information or item did you learn about during your visit/s?
3. How often have you and/or your family served as a docent, helped on a scheduled workday, worked at Wendish Fest, or assisted with other event/s at the museum in the past three years? Please describe.
4. TWHS currently has a strong volunteer force of more mature members of the society for its activities. What suggestion/s do you have to encourage younger Wends to join the society and become involved (Wendish Fest, membership meetings, workdays, docents, etc.)?
5. What opportunities do you recognize for those to be involved who do not live in Texas or close to the museum? Give suggestions for involvement other than locally - special projects, promotions, etc. Cite how these can be initiated to provide quality long distance involvement and indicate how you would like to be involved.
6. If awarded a Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship, are you (or a family member) able to assist with museum duties, activities, and/or Wendish Fest? Please explain how.
7. How can/do you hold on to and promote your unique Wendish heritage and culture while still being part of the American culture?
8. What are the family names of your Wendish ancestors?
9. Complete as much of the attached Ancestor Chart as you can, beginning with yourself as Person No. 1. Include all generations you can, indicating Wendish ancestors with an asterik.
10. Since preserving our Wendish heritage is very important to all of us, write an essay of no more than 1000 words addressing the following:
The Objectives of the TWHS as stated in the bylaws are many. The first objective challenges the Society to offer the members a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the cultural background of their ancestors. Cite an example of something from your knowledge of Wendish culture, your background, or heritage that is unique to the Wends. Then describe in detail how you (a) learned of it (family, friends, other Wends), and (b) it's history, practice(s), traditions, colorful anecdotes, etc.; all of which should illustrate why your example might help other members better understand and appreciate the culture.

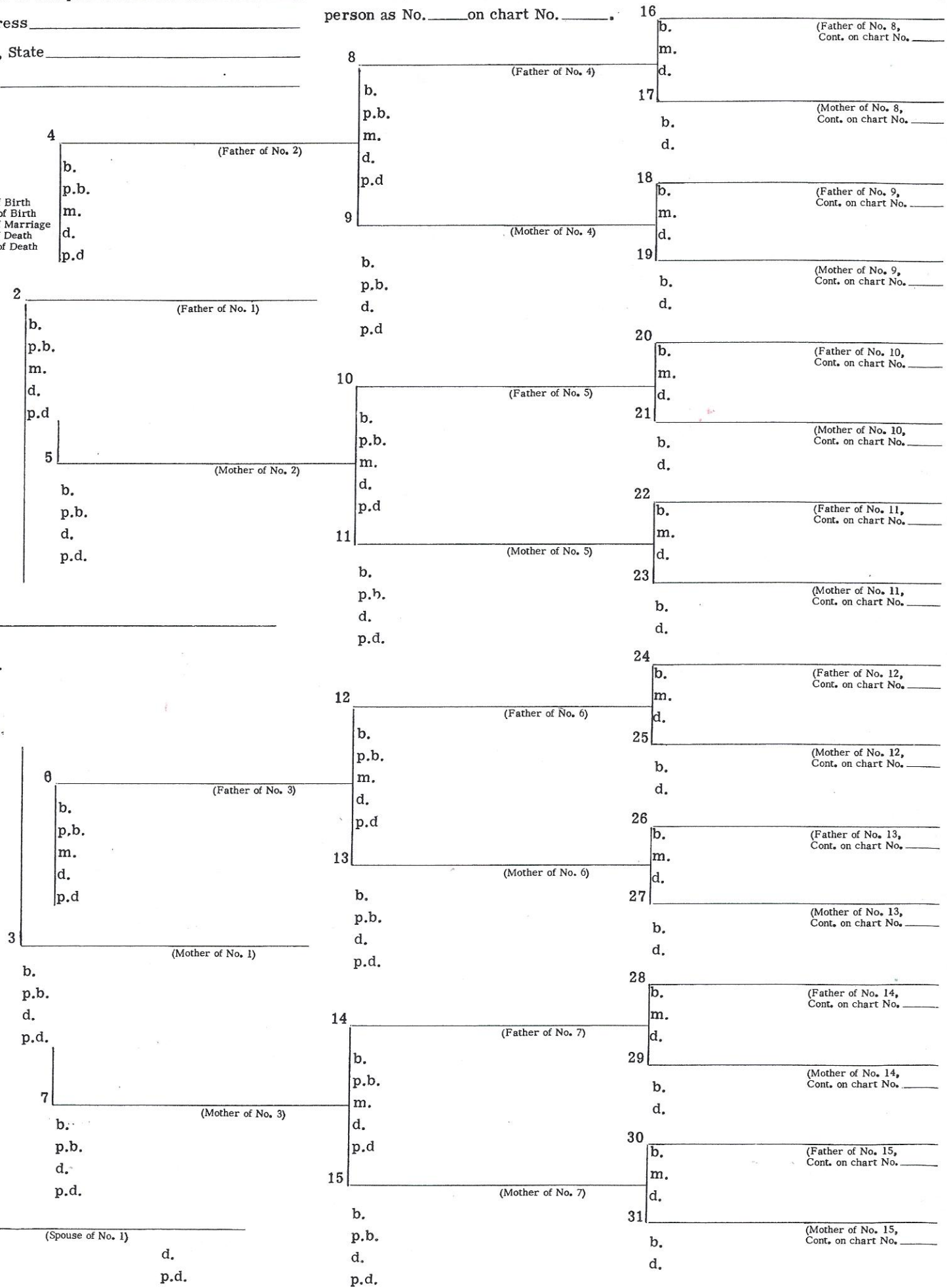
Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death



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