



Texas Wendish Heritage Society and Museum - Serbin, Texas

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

We welcome you as a Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship program applicant. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) established a scholarship program to encourage students to learn more about and develop an appreciation for their Wendish heritage. This 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 2018 – 2019. 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.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2018. Applications must be filled out completely 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. Application includes commitment of recipient to volunteer. 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 maximum (2) Essay - 30 points maximum (3) Involvement in TWHS - 20 points maximum.

Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are accumulated through fundraising projects and donations from TWHS members. Scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2018 semester. Recipients will be notified by mail and will be introduced during Wendish Fest on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

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
2018 - 2019 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 2018 - 2019.
- 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 (3) proof of enrollment.
- Applications may be submitted at the Wendish Museum in Serbin, Texas, 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 20, 2018.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Scholarship amounts will be determined according to funds available, scoring criteria, and number of applicants.
- Scholarships will be awarded for the fall 2018 semester.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail, and will be introduced during Wendish Fest on Sunday, September 23, 2018.
- Scholarship recipients (or a representative) are asked to be a volunteer for Wendish Fest and volunteer at least once at the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum during 2018/2019.

APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA

The Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship program committee will review all complete applications. Consideration for an award is based on the following scoring system criteria: (A) Completeness of application (B) Essay (C) Involvement in TWHS. The maximum number of points awarded to an application is 80, possible 30 points in (A), possible 30 points in (B) and possible 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 essay 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 (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 APPLICATION 2018 - 2019

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? _____

(You may easily join TWHS by completing a membership card and submitting dues with this scholarship application or by joining online via www.texaswendish.org. Membership dues paid prior to September 1 will be for the current calendar year, with renewals due the following January.)

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

Answers will be considered according to level of attention and research done for each question.

- 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 most recent visit?**
- 3. How often have you and/or your family served as a museum docent, helped on a scheduled museum workday, worked at Wendish Fest, or assisted with other event/s or activities 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 events and 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.)? How do you propose this to be initiated and what would be your level of involvement?**
- 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. Examples: special projects, promotions, social media, etc. Elaborate on how you would to help initiate and be active in providing quality long distance involvement.**
- 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 and when.**
- 7. How can, or do you, hold on to and promote your unique Wendish heritage and culture while still being part of American culture? Give specific examples of what you do or propose to do.**
- 8. Complete the attached Pedigree Chart, beginning with yourself as Person No. 1. Include all generations, indicating Wendish ancestors with an asterisk. Pedigree Chart must be complete.**
- 9. Since our Wendish heritage is very important to all of us, write an essay of no more than 1000 words on the following topic.**

Write about a person of Wendish ancestry that helped shape Wendish culture and history in Texas.

This person may have resided in the Serbin/Giddings/Lee County area or could have resided in one of the other Wendish settlements throughout Texas. Describe in detail the aspects of their life, actions, or circumstances which influenced or brought to light the Wendish presence in their surroundings.

Describe in detail how this person impacted Wendish history, heritage and culture for you, your family, friends, and other Wends.

Include complete references and the sources of your research and information.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____

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

