



# Silesian-Polish Texans Essay Contest – Scholarship

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## Essay Topic:

“Portrayal of a Silesian-Polish Texan”

## Eligible Participants:

Texas students of any ethnicity, any faith, in Grade 12.

## Awards:

\$1000 college scholarship each; for up to four winners.

## Requirements:

See the back of this flyer.

**Deadline: April 30, 2025**

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Email entry with your complete name, address, email, phone number, name of school you attend, and high school counselor’s name and email on a separate page to: [committee@FLMFoundation.org](mailto:committee@FLMFoundation.org). We will confirm receipt of your entry.

## IMPORTANT:

Do not write any personal identification on essay pages.

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Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation. Visit the beautiful website for more information  
about Silesian Texans.



## REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Focus on one person of Silesian-Polish descent, living or deceased, who lived in Texas in the 1800s or 1900s. Include his or her name in your title.
- Compose an interesting and original paper about this person to make him/her “come alive.” Entries must be original and not submitted to any other scholarship contest.
- ◆ Interview a senior Silesian Texan in person or by phone **for additional details about your person** and include name and date of interview in your citations. This Interview is REQUIRED to enter your essay!
- ◆ Include biographical information, personality traits, career, and milestones about your subject.
- ◆ Type between 400-700 words double-spaced. Include the **word count** for your essay at the end. Essays with more than 700 words will be disqualified.
- ◆ List a minimum of four references with at least one non-internet source. References may include books, journal articles, newspapers, church certificates, and other documented sources. It is advisable to check your school or local library for books about Silesian Texans.
- ◆ Use proper English, grammar, punctuation, and spelling in a well organized paper.
- ◆ Submit the essay as an editable WORD document, not a PDF.

### Ideas for Supporting Details:

- ◆ Note any activities connected to ethnicity, i.e., memberships in parish or organizations.
- ◆ Note if this person’s home town in Texas is connected to a group of Silesian immigrants.
- ◆ Reflect any Polish traditions, language, or sayings of the person, if possible.
- ◆ Consider the person’s challenges and contributions.
- ◆ Optional: You may submit one photo of the person in your entry. Do not include a photo of yourself.