

**TEXAS GERMAN SOCIETY**  
**Organized September, 1983**

**ATTENTION: High School German Instructors and students**  
**FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2016 -17**

The Texas German Society (TGS) is offering an annual essay contest to high school junior and senior students interested in German language and culture.

One to three scholarships will be awarded for qualifying essays. The first place scholarship is \$1,000.00, the second place scholarship is \$750.00, and the third place scholarship is \$500.00. The presentation of these scholarships will be made at the annual Texas German Society Convention held on March 18, 2017.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicant must be a United State citizen and a resident of Texas.

Applicant must submit an essay of 500 words (two pages double spaced) on the topic: "My Present and Continued Interest in the German Language and Culture."

Applicant must have language instructor sign the bottom of the essay. On a separate sheet of paper, applicant must include full name, complete home address, telephone number, email address, name of German language instructor, and name and address of school. Attach a copy of driver's license and high school transcript. On this same sheet we require that you briefly demonstrate your ability to write in the German language a thirty to fifty word profile of yourself.

**JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCHOLARSHIP MONEY**

The essays will be judged on meaningful, specific, and organized content with focus and depth of development that is distinctive due to originality and effectiveness of expression. Judges will also consider correct and effective grammar, punctuation, and spelling. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the college or university when the winners enroll in the college or university of his/her choice. Scholarship money will be used for tuition fees only. If the winner does not enter a college or university one year from the date of graduation from high school, the scholarship will be forfeited. Previous essay winners are not eligible to participate a second time.

**Essay submission deadline and submission address:**

**Essays must be submitted and postmarked by February 15, 2017, to the address below:**

Texas German Society Scholarship Committee,  
Grace Holtkamp Chairman  
1452 South Circle  
Sealy, TX 77474

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For scholarship money:  
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