

The Endless Mountains Primitive Outdoorsmen (EMPO)

6th Annual Historical Scholarship Program

EMPO is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose includes educating, recreating, and preserving the customs and conditions of traditional weapons, crafts, and artisans of early America.



Eligibility:

1. Students must be pursuing a degree or certificate at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College, University or Trade School)
2. Students must be involved in school and/or community activities. (i.e. FFA, 4-H, Ecology Club, Scouting, Science Club, Student Council, Leo Club, Leadership Council, etc.)
3. Students must submit a 700 - 1000 word essay responding to ***ONE*** of the three prompts listed on page two. Your essay should use Times New Roman, 12pt font, and be double spaced. Your essay must include verifiable citations. The citations may be in your preferred format.
4. A letter of recommendation must be attached to the application from a teacher, mentor or other community leader.
5. Applications must be submitted to the EMPO President Alan Superko Jr. at 241 Doolittle Hill Rd, Laceyville, PA 18623 - postmarked or emailed to empousinfo@gmail.com no later than May 1, 2023.

Award:

If selected, the recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,000. One award will be granted in 2023.

Selection will be made from all eligible applicants by the EMPO Scholarship Committee, as determined by committee majority.

The winner will be announced on May 15th, 2023. Winners will be notified by phone and mail.

Disbursement of funds:

Disbursement will be made directly to the institute of higher education. EMPO will work with the student and the institute's financial aid officer to determine the most appropriate payee for the award.

Recipients have no obligation to EMPO.

All applicants agree to the decision as final.

Award is contingent on the student completing their senior year in good standing with both their school and their community and after successfully completing the first semester of higher education. EMPO and the scholarship committee reserve the right to apply the award to subsequent scholarships if no suitable applications are received for 2023.

Essay Prompts:

A.) The Walking Purchase of 1737

Topics to be covered:

- a.) Explain what was “The Walking Purchase of 1737”? Who were the players, the terms of the agreement, and its eventual outcome? (Be specific as to size and price)
- b.) Explain how this event caused division between the native tribes. (I.e. the Lenape/Delaware and the Iroquois Nation) that ultimately was one of the contributing factors leading to the French and Indian War.
- c.) What was the “Treaty of Albany 1754” and what was its purpose? How does this relate to the previous questions?
- d.) What were the roles of Thomas Penn, James Logan, Benjamin Franklin, Conrad Weiser and the Iroquois Chiefs Canassatego and Shikellamy in the above events?

B.) Compare and contrast the following between the 18th-19th Centuries and today:

Topics to be covered:

- a.) Food: How were fruits and vegetables preserved for winter? Without refrigeration how was meat kept for months? What were the main food staples then and what would you consider to be a staple today?
- b.) Clothing
- c.) Housing
- d.) Transportation
- e.) Communications
- f.) Medicine

C.) Long Rifles of Pennsylvania:

Topics to be covered:

- a.) What are some of the differences between the rifles brought here from Europe and the Pennsylvania Long Rifle?
- b.) What were the geographical areas (counties) of Pennsylvania where the rifles were made and how did their characteristics differ?
- c.) Cite some of the prominent gunsmiths from the various counties and what are some of the distinguishing characteristics of their guns?
- d.) What is believed to be the original purpose for grooves in the barrel and how did they evolve to their present usage?

Application and Checklist

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Applicant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Current School _____

Institute of Higher Learning _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Before mailing this application please check off the following:

- I have completed the contact information above
- I have included a list of my relevant extracurricular activities
- I have listed my chosen Institute of Higher Learning
- I have enclosed my letter of reference
- I have enclosed my official, sealed transcripts
- I have enclosed my essay
- Return this application to EMPO President Alan Superko Jr. at:

241 Doolittle Hill Rd, Laceyville, PA 18623 or empousinfo@gmail.com. The application must be *postmarked or emailed no later than May 1st, 2023*.

Questions about the scholarship or the application process should be directed to Dave Kupstas at empousinfo@gmail.com using subject: *Scholarship Information 2023*