



**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION
OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
THE STATE OF PUEBLA, MEXICO**



Announcing the
**Lincoln-Juarez Historical Literary Essay
2012 Scholarship Competition for College Students**

Entry Deadline

February 28, 2012

The essay contest is free. There is no application fee or anything to purchase.

Cash Awards

First Prize: \$ 5,000 USD

Second Prize: \$ 3,000 USD

Third Prize: \$ 1,000 USD

Introduction

As Mexico and the United States commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the US Civil War and the French intervention in Mexico, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and the State of Puebla, Mexico have entered into a scholarly and historical partnership to ensure that there is ample opportunity during this period to explore the close relationship between both legitimate governments and in particular Presidents Lincoln and Juarez and how this relationship was in many ways key to the eventual victory's by both. While both presidents had been corresponding and had committed support to each other, the first major event in this relationship is the Victory of the Mexican Army over the French Army in Puebla, Mexico, on May 5, 1862. This victory is a watershed event with short- and long-term repercussion and the focus of this first annual Scholarship Essay Competition.

Eligibility

1. The Lincoln-Juarez Historical Literary Essay Scholarship Competition (Scholarship) is open to all college students who are enrolled at the time of entry, anywhere in the United States of America, irrespective of citizenship or place of study. The Scholarship is not open to any persons, or their relatives, previously or currently affiliated with the MOLLUS in any capacity. There is no fee to participate.

2. Prospective entrants are directed to "*Lincoln-Juarez Historical Literary Contest 2012*" at <http://suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm> for rules and the Electronic Scholarship Entrance Form.



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3. The topic, Lincoln-Juarez Annual Historical Literary Essay Scholarships for College Students, is to be the US Civil War and the French Intervention in Mexico and must address the “***Battle of Puebla of the 5 de Mayo and its effect on the US Civil War.***”

Rules

The MOLLUS in partnership with the Secretary of Education of the State of Puebla, Mexico are seeking to recognize, encourage, and reward scholarship among college students by offering the Lincoln-Juarez Historical Literary Essay. Rules for the Scholarship contest are as follows:

1. *Topic:* All essays must be non-fiction and original work, analyzing the Battle of Puebla during the French Intervention in Mexico and its effect on the US Civil War. Entrants may choose any topic that analyzes aspects of these events. The use of the essay as part of the writer's routine schoolwork in any capacity is encouraged.

2. *Essay Submissions:* All entries must be 1250 - 1500 words and must be submitted by e-mail at ***eric@er-x.com***, as an attachment. The entrant's full name, address, name, and address of college, level of study, planned year of graduation, and major also will be required as part of the email message and all submission must be in English. The subject for the e-mail should be “***2012 Lincoln-Juarez Historical Literary College Contest.***” By submitting an entry, the applicant explicitly attests to his or her having read and being bound by the 2012 rules and regulations for the Scholarship contest. All entries become the property of the MOLLUS and the Mexican State of Puebla and cannot be returned to the writer.

3. *Scholarship Entrance Form:* Each entrant shall prepare a Scholarship Entrance Form that will need to be completed and submitted separately. The form will request the *Title of Essay* and the *Entrant's, Name, US and e-mail Addresses, Telephone Number (where entrant can be reached), Age, and University or College attending.* Due to the need for a signature, this form will need to be submitted via US mail. If the writer is younger than 18 (eighteen) years old at the time of entry, the Scholarship Entrance Form must be signed by both the entrant and the entrant's legal guardian or parent and mailed via US mail separately to the MOLLUS Chancellor-in-Chief, Col Eric Rojo, 4430 Tindall St, NW, Washington, DC 20016-2718. Scholarship Entrance Forms are available by e-mail from the MOLLUS Chancellor-in-Chief Col Eric Rojo at ***eric@er-x.com*** or the Internet at ***http://suvchw.org/mollus/mi/mollus.html***

4. *Transcript:* An official transcript for each entrant from their respective university or college registrar's office also must be forwarded to and received by the MOLLUS Chancellor-in-Chief, Col Eric Rojo, 4430 Tindall St, NW, Washington, DC 20016-2718,



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postmarked by the deadline for an entry to be complete; this must be done at the entrant's expense. The entrant's actively enrolled status at the institution must be current to ensure proper eligibility. Grades and course study shall not have any relevancy or of significance in the judging. The MOLLUS assumes no responsibility for transcripts not received. Confirmation of receipt of the transcript will be provided by e-mail. . All transcripts become the property of the MOLLUS and the Mexican State of Puebla and cannot be returned to the writer.

5. *Essay Deadline:* Each essay must be received electronically by e-mail attachment sent to at **eric@er-x.com** by February 28, 2012. The MOLLUS assumes no responsibility for entries not received. Confirmation of receipt of each essay will be provided by e-mail.

6. *Judging:* The essays will be judged by a select board of MOLLUS and Mexican State of Puebla historians and scholars, whose decisions will be final. No discussion of or rationale for their decisions will be warranted, required, or forthcoming. Judging will be based on originality, historical accuracy, and detail of the analysis. Entries must be non-fiction and must not be a critique or book report.

7. *Essay Publication:* The winning essays will be published on the MOLLUS national website (<http://suvchw.org/mollus/mi/mollus.html>), upon timely announcement of the winners, which should be on or about April 7, 2012. Citations of these publications may be used by the winners in any fashion they choose. The MOLLUS and the Mexican State of Puebla may, at their sole discretion, choose to publish one or more of the winning essays in a future paper and electronic format printing of the MOLLUS *Loyal Legion Historical Journal* and official and educational publications of the Mexican State of Puebla and related websites, always with appropriate attribution to the writer, without further compensation in any fashion. The writer expressly grants the MOLLUS and the Mexican State of Puebla this permission by participating with a submission.

8. *Copyright:* Copyright of each essay remains with the writer. The MOLLUS and the Mexican State of Puebla retain the right to use any essay with the agreement with the writer, except as stated in Rule #7 above, for winning essays regarding publication.

9. *Cash Awards:* There will be three (3) winners: first place, second place, third place. They will be awarded and published as such and each placed winner will receive \$5,000, \$3,000, or \$1,000, respectively, in US funds. These cash prizes will be made payable to the winner and will be unrestricted. The 2012 awards will be presented in Puebla, Mexico, as part of the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the battle. Only the outstanding essays will be awarded first, second, and third prizes. Travel and



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lodging expenses will be paid by the Secretary of Education of the State of Puebla, Mexico. Scholarship winners must have a current US passport in order to travel to Mexico.

10. *Interview:* Essay winners agree to a brief telephone interview and/or completion of a brief questionnaire from the MOLLUS.

11. *Questions:* Questions concerning the Scholarship Competition may be directed to: MOLLUS Chancellor-in-Chief, Col Eric Rojo, 4430 Tindall St, NW, Washington, DC 20016-2718, but are best directed electronically to ***eric@er-x.com***.

12. *Void where Prohibited:* This Scholarship competition is void where prohibited.

Scholarship Entrance Form

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Scholarship Entrance Form

Title of Essay: _____

Entrant's Name and Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

University or College attending: _____

Signature: _____

Parent's or Legal Guardian Signature (If Applicant is under 18 years old)

Print off this form and *mail it via US mail* to:

Col Eric Rojo, Chancellor-in-Chief
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
4430 Tindall St, NW,
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Reminder

Your **essay** should be submitted *electronically* as an email attachment to Col Rojo at

eric@er-x.com