

# Bradford House Historical Association

## Symposium on 18<sup>th</sup> Century Life and Customs in Western Pennsylvania

### Poster Contest for Middle and High School Students

Open to all students residing in Washington, Greene, Allegheny, Fayette & Westmoreland Counties.

- student will create a trifold display on a topic of W PA history (1750-1850)
- 2 judging divisions: middle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12)
- register online during January and February at [www.bradfordhouse.org](http://www.bradfordhouse.org)
  - poster must be delivered in early-mid March (details will be sent to registrants)
- top 5 entries in each division will be displayed at the Symposium
- winners receive free admission to the Symposium for the student & 1 adult
- prizes: \$75 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> place; \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
(The judges reserve the right to not award all prizes if there are an insufficient number and/or quality of entries.)

### Poster Contest Entry Requirements

A poster board is a visual exhibit that should reflect your research and interpretation of your topic's significance in Western Pennsylvania history during the years 1750 – 1850. It should be at least 60% visual images (portraits, maps, documents, photos, diagrams, illustrations, etc.) with labels, captions, and brief written content (bulleted lists and timelines are appropriate), in your own words and creatively displayed to enhance your presentation.

1. The subject will be a topic of Western Pennsylvania history, 1750 – 1850.
2. The presentation will be constructed on a standard size (36" x 48") trifold display board (foam or corrugated).
  - a. All materials (except title page and works cited page) must be attached to the front 3 sections of the display board and within its edges.
  - b. Include the title of your project on the display board.
3. Inclusion of media devices, supplemental materials, physical objects, etc. separate from the exhibit board is not permitted.
4. Include a thesis and a conclusion on your exhibit.
5. Inclusion of a few carefully selected quotations, properly attributed, is acceptable.
6. A list of *Works Cited* must accompany the entry, properly formatted and typewritten.
  - a. Both primary and secondary sources of information should be used and should not be limited to online resources.
  - b. A minimum of 5 sources must be cited.
7. The following information should be included on a typewritten title page attached to the *Works Cited* page(s): title of project, student's name, grade and school. Paper clip these 2 pages to your exhibit board.
8. Only individual projects permitted; no group projects.