

United Daughters of the Confederacy®

Tennessee Division

Essay Contest Rules

The Division Historian supervises an annual essay contest for the Tennessee Division UDC members with subjects and prizes offered by members. The essay list is included in the Presidents' Packets and published on the Tennessee Division Website. Prizes are awarded at the Division Convention and winners are listed in the Tennessee Division Minutes Books.

1. There is no work limit as long as the writer has something worthwhile to impart.
2. A scholarly approach is essential.
3. Footnotes citing authorities are required.
4. A complete bibliography is required.
5. Direct quotations must be enclosed in quotation marks.
6. The term "Civil War" should not be used in reference to the War Between the States except as a direct quotation.
7. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, in a form for immediate publication—do not spiral bind. Winning essays are the property of the UDC.
8. Essays must be signed with a fictitious name. Writer's real name, address, and chapter should be included in a sealed envelope and stapled to the essay. Name of essay and fictitious name must be written on the outside of the envelope.
9. **Rules are the same for both Division and General Essays. All essays (Division and General) are to be mailed to the Division Historian, postmarked by July 1st.** Mail to:

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Division Essay Topics & Sponsors 2018

1. *Our Southern Heritage—Why We Are So Proud of it*: Mrs. Nancy Todd -\$25 cash prize
2. *How Did the South Get News from Loved Ones?*: Nashville 1 in honor of Nancy Griswold - \$25 cash prize
3. *The Life of Col. George G. Dibrell, Eighth Tennessee (Confederate) Cavalry from Sparta, TN*: Nashville 1 - \$25 cash prize
4. *The Military Career of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury*: Mrs. Dore Dorris, Tennessee Division Vice President in Honor of Mrs. Matilda Speck, Tennessee Division President - \$25 cash prize
5. *The History of the “Battle ‘Hymn’ of the Republic” and Why it is Neither a Hymn Nor a Patriotic Song*: Mrs. Brenda Hall McDonald, Tennessee Division Parliamentarian, in memory of Miss Mildred Rutherford Historian General 1911-1916 - \$25 cash prize
6. *Why was Tennessee Considered the “Keystone of the Confederate Arch?”*: Mrs. Charlotte Miller, Captain W. Y. C. Hannum 1881 - \$25 cash prize
7. *Colonel Sidney Smith Stanton*: Captain Sally Tompkins 2123, honoring their CofC Chapter, Colonel Sidney Smith Stanton 962 - \$25 cash prize
8. *Tennessee Reconstruction after the War Between the States*: Mrs. Matilda Speck, Tennessee Division President - \$25 cash prize
9. *Mary Frances (Fannie) Battle—From Confederate py to social Reformer*: Mrs. Elaine Fleming in honor of Mrs. Barbara White, Nashville Chapter 1 - \$25 cash prize

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Historian General 2018 General Cash Awards

(To be awarded at the 125th Annual General Convention – Richmond, Virginia)

1. Mrs. C. L. Bridges, Louisiana Division President 2002-2004, offers \$25.00 in honor of Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Louisiana Division President 2014-2016, to the UDC member in Category C submitting the best essay on *The Roles of Catholic Priests Serving in Natchitoches Parish Louisiana at the Beginning of the War Between the States*.
2. Mrs. Gail Stamps Brosk, Recorder General of Military Service Awards 2016-2018, offers \$25 in honor of Dr. Catherine Ball, District of Columbia Division President, 2016-2018 to the member submitting the best essay on *The True Meaning of Confederate Statues and Memorials – What those who erected them had to say*.
3. Mrs. Gail Stamps Brosk, Recorder General of Military Service Awards 2016-2018, offers \$25 in memory of Miss Vicki K. Heilig, Historian General 20xx – 20xx, to the member submitting the best essay on *The Men and Women of Jackson Circle, Arlington National Cemetery – Their Stories*.
4. Mrs. Matilda Speck, Tennessee Division President 2016-2018, offers \$25 in honor of Mrs. Bettye Lanier Stanley, Honorary President of General to the member submitting the best essay on *Shiloh, The Battle at the Peach Orchard*.
5. Mrs. Paulette K. Mauterer, UDC Magazine, offers \$25 in honor of Mrs. Pam Trammell, President General 2014-2016 and Magazine Chairman 2016-2018 to the member submitting the best essay on *David Owen Dodd, Arkansas: Boy Martyr of the Confederacy*.
6. Mrs. Suzie G. Snyder, Historian General 2016-2018, offers \$25 in honor of Mrs. Pat Bryson, President General 2016-2018 to the member submitting the best essay on *The Relevance of Confederate History in Today's World*.
7. Mrs. Suzie G. Snyder, Historian General 2016-2018, offers \$25 in memory of Mrs. Betty Ann Rice, to the member submitting the best essay on *Thomas Jonathan Jackson, His Life at West Point as a Student*.