

# **Cochran 150th Birthday Writing Contest**

1. Topic for 6th-8th Grade: **"A Cochran Person Who Made/Makes a Difference"**
2. A biographical essay. (You may choose a person from Cochran's past and study him/her in books or online, you may interview someone who knew a person who is no longer in Cochran, or you may interview the person you are writing about. Maybe you have an ancestor who lived here, a grandparent or great-grandparent or further back, about whom you would like to know more.)
3. 350-500 words
4. Whether printed or written in longhand, neatness counts; any spelling or grammar mistakes that are left uncorrected should not detract from the meaning. If in longhand, must be in blue or black ink that does not smear; if composed on computer, double space and use Times New Roman font at 12pt.
5. Credit should be given to any sources used on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the paper. The name of people interviewed and the dates of each interview, the URL address and page name, or the title and author of a book or magazine article is fine.
6. The essay is to be turned in to the student's teacher or, if homeschooled, to the desk at Tessie Norris Library, by the morning of February 15, 2019. All essays will be collected to be judged either that afternoon or on Monday, February 18.
7. Members of Bleckley County Retired Educators will choose the winners. Decisions are final.
8. Prizes will be awarded on a day to be announced of the 150th birthday week, March 17- 23, 2019 at a time and place yet to be determined.
9. Prizes are provided by **Citizens Bank of Cochran**:

**First Place - \$50 cash**

**Second Place - \$25 cash**

**Third Place - \$15 cash**

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