

## **Historic RittenhouseTown's 2010 Essay Contest**

### **Topic:**

Why is it important to preserve Philadelphia's remaining historic buildings? What are the challenges and ultimate benefits of local historic preservation?

### **Rules & Requirements:**

- Essays should be between 500-750 words and must be typed in a double-spaced format using a 12pt. Times New Roman font. A bibliography must be included. Its contents cannot be added to the word count requirement.
- Essays should be a combination of original thought and scholarly research. We encourage the use of books, academic journals, magazine articles, interviews and visits to historic sites. Credible websites may be used, but they should not be a student's only source of information. WIKIPEDIA IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOURCE.
- The cover page should include the title of the essay, the date, student's name, school and contact information.
- This contest is only open to high school seniors in the Philadelphia public school system. This includes charter schools.
- All essays must be submitted by **April 16 at 5PM** and can be delivered via email or regular mail. NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Students may email their essays as an attachment to [information@rittenhousetown.org](mailto:information@rittenhousetown.org). The subject of the email should be *Essay Submission 2010 & the Student's Name*. Essays can also be mailed to:

Historic RittenhouseTown: 2010 Essay Contest  
206 Lincoln Drive  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

- Winning essays will be selected by Historic RittenhouseTown's Board of Directors. All winners will be notified by May 14. The prize ceremony will take place at RittenhouseTown's 2010 Spring Fundraiser on June 3. For more information about RittenhouseTown or the 2010 essay competition, visit [www.rittenhousetown.org](http://www.rittenhousetown.org) or call 215-438-5711.

### **Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100