

**Carl A. Weyerhaeuser History Awards**  
Presented by the Morrison County Historical Society

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES – 2014**

The purpose of the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser History Awards is to encourage greater public examination of Morrison County's diverse history and provide higher awareness and use of the collections at The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls, MN.

Good local history should be well researched, with all sources properly cited. Further, it should be enjoyable to consume. To these ends, the Morrison County Historical Society (MCHS) is seeking submissions to the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser History Awards.

For 2014, submissions are to be in essay form. MCHS is looking for creative nonfiction that is historically accurate. The word counts and prizes for age categories are as follows:

- a. Essays from those ages 12-15: 400-600 words – Prize for winning essay: \$100
- b. Essays from those ages 16-21: 1,000-1,500 words – Prize for winning essay: \$150
- c. Essays from those 22 and over: 1,500-3,000 words – Prize for winning essay: \$200

Submitted essays must be postmarked by **August 15, 2014**.

The theme for 2014 is **Morrison County Rivers**.

Submissions may cover any topic of historical significance related to rivers in Morrison County. They need not be limited to essays about the Mississippi River, but can include history related to any river in the county. Examples of topics include dams, ferries, logging, the history of a specific river site, and etc. Essays can also include personal experiences related to the topic.

Submissions must also meet the following guidelines:

1. Entrants must use resources from the collections of The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum for their submitted essays. In addition, they may also use resources from other institutions.
2. All sources must be cited as End Notes at the end of the essay.
3. Entrants must be residents of Morrison County, Minnesota.
4. Submissions must focus on Morrison County history and follow the announced theme for the year.
5. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on letter-size (8 ½" x 11") paper with 1-inch margins, using 12-point Times New Roman or Arial font.
6. Include a title page with the following:  
Essay title  
Your name\*\*  
Date  
Word Count  
Age group

\*\*Do not put your name anywhere else on the essay to allow for anonymous judging.

7. Entrants must fill out and sign the Submission Form & License Agreement and turn it in with their essays. Entrants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or guardian sign the form. If you have questions about the license agreement and what it means, call 320-632-4007 to discuss it with museum staff.
8. Essays may be submitted in one of the following ways:
  - Bring or mail a printed copy of the essay and signed Submission Form & License Agreement to The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum, PO Box 239, 2151 South Lindbergh Drive, Little Falls, MN 56345.
  - Email the essay in PDF format and a scanned copy of the signed Submission Form & License Agreement to [mocohistory@gmail.com](mailto:mocohistory@gmail.com). Use “Carl A. Weyerhaeuser History Awards” in the subject line.

Essays will be read by a panel of three judges, who will determine a winner in each age category. They may also award Honorable Mentions. If none of the submitted essays meet the Submission Guidelines, no awards will be made.

Winners will be contacted directly and names released to the media, including online. They may be asked to read their essays at a public event held by MCHS. Winning essays may be published by MCHS in its newsletter, on its website, or in other formats.

If you have further questions, please call the Morrison County Historical Society at 320-632-4007 or email [mocohistory@gmail.com](mailto:mocohistory@gmail.com).