

Southern California Genealogical Society sponsors its annual family-history writing contest to support and encourage the writing of family history, local history, and memoirs, both by genealogists and by the public at large. The first contest was held in 2000, and since then, writers from more than nine nations have submitted entries.

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Los Angeles County, SCGS has a 35,000-volume genealogical library with resources for all 50 states, as well as Germany, French and English Canada, and the British Isles. SCGS serves the widely varied interests of its 1,600 members, as well as researchers everywhere with an interest in Southern California's past.

The contest is dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth (Beth) Maltbie Uyehara, the founder of the GENEii Family History Writing Contest. Beth



served as the editor of The Searcher from 2000 to 2006, and was instrumental in launching the SCGS Writers Group.

Presenting the 12th Annual Family History Writing Contest

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Southern California
Genealogical Society**

Entries must be received
in digital format between
Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2011

email entries to:
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More information and a sample cover
letter can be found on the
SCGS website at
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SCGS Family History Writing Awards



We're calling for ...

- Non-fiction articles that describe family or local history and capture a family experience or the character of a locality;
or
- Non-fiction character sketches or memoirs that give a sense of an individual's character and personality.

The best articles will also illuminate the era and/or the historical or social context of the subject.

For more details, visit the SCGS website at scgsgenealogy.com

Contest Categories

CATEGORY	WORD COUNT	STATUS	CASH PRIZES
1	1,000 - 2,000	Entries in both categories may be either published or unpublished	\$200, \$100, \$50
2	Under 1,000		\$100, \$50, \$25

- Entries must be received between November 1 and December 31, 2011.
- Writers may submit multiple entries in either and/or both categories.
- Submission should be e-mailed in digital format (i.e. Word or PDF format) with the cover letter in the body of the e-mail. Please DO NOT submit entries in the body of the e-mail.
- The cover letter should show the author's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, if any; the title of the article; the word count; and the category entered (1 or 2).
- Endnotes need not be included in the word count. Entries may be either single- or double-spaced, and subjects need not relate to California or the United States.
- Winners will be notified individually by May 1, 2012, and a listing of winning entries will be posted on the SCGS website at the same time. The winners' names will also be printed in the summer issue of *The Searcher*, the quarterly journal of SCGS.
- The judges will use four criteria in evaluating the entries:
 - 1) overall interest and impact,
 - 2) accuracy and carefulness with facts,
 - 3) "voice" and language, and
 - 4) writing mechanics (clarity, grammar).
- Certificates will be issued for first, second, and third place, honorable mention, and finalist at the discretion of the judges. All decisions are final.
- All research used in the articles must be supported by endnote citations. For guidelines on citation style, see *Evidence, Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*, by Elizabeth Shown Mills (Genealogical Publishing Co.), or *The Chicago Manual of Style*, by University of Chicago Press Staff.
- Entrants grant SCGS the one-time right to publish their articles in the SCGS journal *The Searcher*, and/or the SCGS website; and/or to publish their article in an anthology of winning entries. Previously published articles should include permission to reprint from the prior publisher.