

The Crowhurst Sutter History Award

I. **About this Award:** A cash scholarship of \$50 was established in 2009 by Marnie Crowhurst to be awarded annually at Brittan School's graduation ceremony. She and her husband Tom were writers for the Appeal-Democrat newspaper for ten years, contributing a weekly column on the activities in Sutter. Prior to that Tom was a captain in the Navy, and an educator at area schools for over 30 years, serving as a teacher, athletic director, and coach at Sutter High School for 10 years. Marnie worked in education as well, and has been an executive officer of the Sutter Youth Organization since it was founded in the 1950's. The Crowhurst's pride in their community led them to establish this award.

II. **Purpose of Award:** This award seeks to preserve and inform the community about the history of the town of Sutter. The award also is intended to encourage young people to be interested and curious about the origin of its location, buildings, schools, streets, businesses, and families. Through this interest, the award hopes to encourage and pursue the preservation of these historic places and their stories.

III. **Criteria:** Essays will be judged by a panel of 3 community members according to the following criteria:

- A one to two page essay about the history of Sutter and/or some aspect thereof.
- Use correct grammar and spelling.
- Be original.
- Use clarity and fluency when composing the essay.
- The essay must be historically accurate and informative.

IV. **Topics:** Students seeking this award should seek out topics that are unique to them, but which also relate to the whole community. Past winners have written about such topics as the life of a great, great grandfather who lived in Sutter, a personal experience at the Fremont monument, and a local family who sold food to the gold seekers during the Gold Rush.

V. **Uses:** There are no requirements or stipulations as to how the student may use this cash award. It is merely hoped that recipients will continue to value and protect the history of Sutter, and the historical places in and around our town.

VI. **Submission Deadline:** **All essays must be received by Brittan School's office by May 15th** in order to be considered. NO late essays will be accepted. Applications will then be submitted to Mr. Schenken and a panel of community members who will judge the essays and determine a winner. The winner will be announced and the award presented during Brittan's graduation ceremony.

Application must be in a presentation format.