

# High School Oral History Essay Project! 2021

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**Purpose:** To encourage communication between youth and members of our community who may be several generations older and can offer a historic *perspective & lesson* on "sustainable living regarding trash and recycling"

## ***"DEFINING REUSE- TODAY COMPARED TO YESTERDAY"***

**Scholarship Assignment:** *Must attend school or be homeschooled in Perry County!*

- Student- records conversation as Oral History piece. With permission, take photo together.
- Use recording to review and prepare 300 word Essay. (NOTE: Oral recorders available at PCDL)
- **SUBMIT: ESSAY in Word format; APPLICATION, INTERVIEW RELEASE FORM & PHOTO as PDF**  
Email to: [kcarpenter@perrycountyohio.net](mailto:kcarpenter@perrycountyohio.net)
- Please keep student, school & teacher names separate from essay for judging purposes.

A judging panel will select the top essay finalist in Perry County!

**AWARDS: 1st place \$1000 Scholarship** (*\$1500 if all donations received as in past years!*)

- Top essay will be featured on WHIZ TV, in the local paper, on our website, on social media! Featuring top stories at 2021 Earth Day 51st Anniversary Awareness Fair!
- Oral history recordings & photo will be uploaded to Perry Co District Library website  
*For more info [www.perryrecycling.com](http://www.perryrecycling.com)... click on link to [pcdl.org](http://pcdl.org), scroll to "Defining Reuse" Scholarship, Digital Shoebox project, to hear recordings...*
- Essays will be on display at the schools, libraries, fairs and festivals.

**ESSAY DEADLINE: Friday, February 26, 2021**

Contact: Katrina Carpenter, Education Specialist  
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## Oral History Essay Project



### “DEFINING REUSE- TODAY COMPARED TO YESTERDAY”

Eligibility criteria: Grade 9-12 student of any Perry County, OH School

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**Purpose:** To encourage communication between youth and members of our community who may be several generations older and can offer a historic perspective & lesson on “trash and recycling” ...and living a more sustainable lifestyle.

STUDENT PROJECT GUIDELINES: ✓ LIST

**SUBMIT BY: FEB 26, 2021**

- \_\_\_ Get permission from someone 65 or older to do recorded interview. Be polite, courteous & respectful during interview. Remember to thank them for taking time with you.
- \_\_\_ Have that person sign the release form giving permission for the interview to be uploaded and archived to PCDL (PC District Library) website “The Digital Shoebox Project”
- \_\_\_ Record and retain your interview. Record on your own device or PCDL has recorders to borrow... your choice. *Email submitted recording in a usable format.*
- \_\_\_ In the interview, introduce yourself and the topic (ex. Hello, my name is \_\_\_ and today I am interviewing my grandparent/ family friend/ neighbor \_\_\_ to discuss ... use your own words. Be original! \* interview time length suggestion: 10 to 15 minutes
- \_\_\_ Take photo together. Get permission for photo too!
- \_\_\_ Essay needs to be typed, double spaced; no more than 300 words. *Be original, creative and informative, using proper spelling, grammar & usage.* NO Student name on the front of the essay. **Email essay in word format; email application, release form & photo as PDF.**
- \_\_\_ Essay should have an introduction, main body and conclusion. Conclusion paragraph should describe what was learned from the interview; anything student pledges to do differently in his/her lifestyle to reduce/reuse/recycle (live more sustainably) as a result of your interview.

**SUBMIT:** \_\_\_ application \_\_\_ PCDL interview release form \_\_\_ recording \_\_\_ essay \_\_\_ photo

Interview questions:

1. How did you & your family “Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without” (REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, ROT philosophy) back in the 30’s, 40’s and 50’s compared to today?
2. How has our trash changed since you were a child? (specific to types of materials)
3. Student must ask 1 other related question, but different from 1st two questions.

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**Oral History Essay Project  
Scholarship Application Form  
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\*Entries must be e-mailed by 4pm or postmarked by *February 26, 2021*

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewee Elder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor/Teacher/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name & email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian (If under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer email Entries, send to [kcarpenter@perrycountyohio.net](mailto:kcarpenter@perrycountyohio.net). Recording must be in usable format such as mp3, mp4, WAV, WPA. Emailed documents, essay must be in Microsoft Word or other forms in PDF format.

If using postal mail (or hand deliver) send completed forms and recording to:  
Oral History Project, c/o Katrina Carpenter, Perry County Waste Reduction & Recycling,  
PO Box 621, 2231 St Rt 13, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

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**Interview Release Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Person Interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to the uses of these materials as described above.

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_