



# "Mr. Nick" History Award

*"Knowledge is for all time"*



## Essay Contest

**Purpose of Award:** Sylvia Myers established a history award in honor of her late husband, Nicholas G. Myers to commemorate Nick's devotion to passing on his knowledge and passion for local history to successive generations.

### The winner will:

- ✓ receive a cash award in the amount of \$200
- ✓ be presented with a certificate at a North Light event in May 2008
- ✓ have his/her name engraved on the Mr. Nick Plaque
- ✓ have his/her name and winning essay posted on North Light's website
- ✓ have his/her winning essay printed in the Review newspaper.

**NOTE:** A 2<sup>nd</sup> essay will receive honorable mention and cash award of \$25 from the Christopher Coady Fund. The winning student's recommending teacher will receive a \$50 gift certificate for use at Staples.

### Essays will be judged based on:

- ✓ Originality, content, clarity of expression, grammar & mechanics
- ✓ Adhering to the rules of the contest as follows:
- ✓ Essays must:
  - discuss a person/s, place/s or event/s significant to the history of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ward of Philadelphia
  - be written in English
  - be legible - neatly printed by hand or typed and double spaced
  - contain between 300 to 500 words and submissions must include the number of words recorded at the end of the essay
  - include a list of resources
  - contain original composition; plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- ✓ Contestants must:
  - be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade or high school student who resides in a primary residence in zip codes 19127/28
  - attach a 3x5 index card containing the name of the contestant, home address with zip code, telephone number/s with area code, name of school, grade in school
  - submit the recommendation form (on opposite side, may also be copied) completed by a teacher or counselor at the school that he/she attends.
- ✓ Visuals (photos, maps, etc.) may be included, but no more than two pages in addition to written submission.
- ✓ All required materials must be submitted in hardcopy (no fax or email copies will be accepted) to North Light Community Center, 175 Green Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19127 on or before 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. If submissions are mailed, the envelope must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 4, 2008 and contestants should request a return receipt.

All essays submitted become the property of North Light Community Center and will not be returned.

**Resources** are available in the local archives of the Roxborough/Manayunk/Wissahickon Historical Society located in the Roxborough Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia at 6245 Ridge Ave. (at Hermitage St.), 215-685-2550 . For hours of operation visit [www.library.gov/branches](http://www.library.gov/branches) . You may also contact Sylvia Myers at 215-483-5022 to make an appointment to tour the archives.

**Additional information and forms** are available at [www.northlightcommunitycenter.org](http://www.northlightcommunitycenter.org)

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## “Mr. Nick” Award: Teacher Recommendation and Contact Information

**To the applicant:** After you have filled in the information below, give this form to your teacher and ask him/her to return it to you in a sealed envelope.

### Applicant Info:

Current Age	Date of Birth	Grade in School		
<b>Applicant name:</b> _____				
Last	First	Middle		
<b>Applicant address:</b> _____				
Street	Apt. #	City	State	Zip
<b>Applicant contact information:</b> _____				

Home phone	Cell phone	Email address
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### School information:

Name of School	Address of School	School Phone #
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**To the teacher:** Your estimate of the applicant's academic performance, intellectual promise, and personal qualities will greatly help us in the selection process for the “Mr. Nick” Award. Please complete and sign this form. Kindly return it to the student in a sealed envelope (provided) with your signature written across the flap of the envelope.

Course in which you have taught this student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this course honors or AP? \_\_\_\_\_ Grade earned \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the applicant in terms of the following characteristics by making a check under the appropriate heading. Please compare this student with his or her entire class.

	Outstanding (top 5%)	Excellent (top 10%)	Above average	Average	Below average
Motivation					
Intellect					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Honesty					

Are there any special circumstances, background information, or other factors (positive/negative) that you feel the selection committee should be aware of? (Please feel free to attach additional information.) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_