

GUIDELINES FOR THE JOSEPH S. HEIGHT LITERARY AWARDS GIVEN ANNUALLY BY THE GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HERITAGE SOCIETY

The purpose of the Joseph S. Height Awards is to encourage excellence in writing related to the Germans from Russia. These are the guidelines, which have been developed over the years, and the general criteria apply to all awards:

1. The committee, which shall consist only of members of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, considers only articles published in the January-December issues of Heritage Review in the year preceding the annual convention at which the awards are given.
2. The articles must be original writing (short story, essay, biography, poetry, autobiography, etc.) which expand or broaden knowledge of or give weight to the history of the Germans from Russia. The articles should relate to the people and heritage of the past or present, to their life experiences, conditions, or events.
3. Research, interviews, etc. should be involved.
4. The articles should be of interest to members of the Germans From Russia Heritage Society.
5. The articles should be well organized.
6. General effectiveness is taken into account when judging.
7. We do not consider articles eligible for other awards, translations by paid writers or translators, or English-language articles reprinted from other publications. Former winners are eligible for all awards if their contribution is deemed the best offering. We do not give posthumous awards.
8. Not every award must be given in a year when no qualifying writing is identified.
9. The four awards:

ESSAYS

This is the main award, and carries with it an announcement at the annual convention, a plaque, and a five-year membership in the Germans >From Russia Heritage Society.

TRANSLATIONS

This is the second award and carries with it an announcement at the annual convention, a certificate, and a three-year membership in the Germans From Russia Heritage Society. It is a working award given to a translator.

GENEALOGY

For this award, we look at articles concerning genealogy. Articles that include in-depth material, not just lists, are preferred. Announcement at the annual convention and a plaque are given to the winner.

OTHER

This is the third award and carries with it a certificate, an announcement at the annual convention, and a two-year membership in the Germans From Russia Heritage Society. It includes poetry, old letters, speeches, folklore,...