

# 2019 10th Annual History of Mathematics Writing Contest Eligible: Any YCCD student registered in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2019.

### Purpose

To promote cross-disciplinary studies by encouraging students to investigate an area in the history of mathematics. Papers may concentrate on a single person or topic in the history of mathematics, or may be an historical survey of a topic or a school of thought in the history of mathematics; however, papers must contain some mathematics.

- Five to eight pages, double spaced, in a 12point font; title in 18 point. Cover sheet with
- your name and contact information, including your class and instructor's name. Submit a PDF file only.
- Where: Submit the PDF file to John Thoo at Yuba College by email <jthoo@yccd.edu>.
- **Due:** November 7, 2019

# Mathematical background

The history of mathematics is extremely wide and any student who has completed prealgebra or higher should be eligible to enter the contest. For topic ideas, take a look at the many books that the college library has in the history of mathematics subject area or speak to a professor.

What:

# Judging

Papers will be judged on the mechanics of writing (grammar, punctuation, &c.); the content (mathematical and historical); the historiography (good sources, &c.; WWW sources are not favored); and general readability. Papers must include in-text citations and reference academic journal articles or books, with a minimum of three academic sources; check with the librarian if you are unsure if a source qualifies as "academic." For a general mathematical writing guide, see Mark Tomforde's, "Mathematical Writing: A Brief Guide" at <http://bit.ly/hom-writing> (PDF, accessed 1/21/16), and the resources contained therein.

### Awards

The first-place winner will receive a book prize. In addition, the first-, second-, and third-place winners will receive certificates of achievement. All entries will be posted online <a href="http://ms.yccd.edu/hom-contest.aspx">http://ms.yccd.edu/hom-contest.aspx</a>.