

ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

The essay contest promotes the logical thinking and communication skills valued by humanists. Humanism is a non-theistic philosophy that encourages the use of science, reason and critical thinking in seeking solutions to problems and defining goals. It affirms the inherent dignity and worth of each human being and asserts that the ethical principles of truth, fairness and compassion are necessary of governing human actions if we are to improve our world. We are heartened that an increasing number of young people are accepting secular humanism as their worldview.

Essays may be written in French or in English. Only one essay may be submitted by each entrant.

Eligibility Requirements

Students enrolled in a Canadian high school or CEGEP (maximum age- 19 years old as of March 1, 2019). It is not necessary for the student to be a Canadian citizen.

NAME: _____first, _____middle, _____family

ADDRESS: _____street, _____city, _____province, _____postal code

DATE OF BIRTH: __ (YYYY) (MM) (DD) __

PHONE: _____landline, _____mobile

EMAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL/CEGEP: _____name,

HIGH SCHOOL/CEGEP ADDRESS: _____street, _____city,
_____province, _____postal code

Application Requirements

* An original essay of 750-1,500 words, typed, double-spaced, in French or in English. This year the essay contest is open for students to apply their head and heart on any topic related to humanism that the student thinks will be of interest. For topic ideas it may be helpful to visit our website or the easily-searchable websites of other humanist organizations. If you have any questions or require more information please contact us at:

essaycontest@humanistcanada.ca

* A short autobiography including interests, activities and life goals (maximum 350 words) 250?

* A photo of the student

* A completed and signed Parent/Legal Guardian Permission and Waiver Form

DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2019

Submissions must be made by both email and regular mail.

Submit the above required materials to the following E-Mail address:

essaycontest@humanistcanada.ca

AND:

Submit the above required materials to the following postal address (post marked no later than March 1, 2019):

Essay Contest Committee
HUMANIST CANADA / ASSOCIATION HUMANISTE DU CANADA
251 Laurier Ave West
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OTTAWA, ON
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We welcome your participation in this contest and encourage you to share this announcement with others.

Sincerely,

- Humanist Canada Essay Contest Committee

Add the Parent/Legal Guardian Permission and Waiver Form