



**“PUTTING A FACE ON CALGARY’S PAST”
ESSAY CONTEST!!!!**

FOR STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 9
CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 19, 2018
YOU CAN ENTER ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN!

Alberta Champions Society is dedicated to recognizing citizens who have made significant past contributions to our community. This is achieved by placing “Fields of Fame” which are sets of monuments that are installed around our city.

We have created our NINTH annual contest where you can enter, learn more about these champions from our past, and win great prizes! Check out last year’s winners. *Watch a YouTube video where other students give you tips for creating award-winning entries.* www.albertachampions.org.

A. RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

1. Calgary area students in grades 7-9 are invited to **WRITE AN ESSAY** related to one of these 15 important champions recognized by Alberta Champions for their outstanding contributions to our city and province. (** denotes new champions for 2018)

**David Black	**Ruth Gorman	James Macleod
**Martha Cohen	Alice Jamieson	**Bud McCaig
Chief Crowfoot	Father Albert Lacombe	Nellie McClung
Mary Dover	Sam Livingston	**Ron Southern
**Haider Dhanani	Peter Loughheed	Chief Walking Buffalo

2. How to enter the Essay Contest:

- a. Choose **one** of the 15 Alberta Champions listed above who shaped life in Alberta;
- b. Research the background and accomplishments of the individual and cite your references;
- c. Identify and describe a current political issue of concern in 2018 that could be considered a modern equivalent of the issues or challenges that the champion faced during his or her life time.
- d. Write an essay (**from 850 to 1200 words**). Use font Times New Roman 12. The essay must address each of the three categories below:
 - Describe this individual’s multiple contributions and incorporate the role the champion played in Alberta’s (or Canada’s) past and how they stood out as a leader;
 - Show how the champion’s actions impacted the community and were important to shaping present day life in Calgary and area. Discuss how they have helped us or would help us to deal with this current issue.
 - Describe how this individual has inspired you to pursue leadership, citizenship, strive for excellence, volunteer and/or work to “be a champion” in our community today and in the future. Be specific and provide a number of examples.

B. SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

1. Fill in the entry form from the website. www.albertachampions.org
2. Be sure your name is not in a visible area in the body of the essay. Use Word format, not pdf.
3. Submit the completed entry form and the essay in digital format to info@albertachampions.org
4. Submit your entry by April 19, 2018.

C. JUDGING (rubric available)

Judging of contest entries will be conducted by a committee with a view to measuring

- That the essay includes comprehensive background about the champion, how they stood out as a leader, and how their contribution has affected a current issue in our community;
- Personal interpretation of how the student is inspired by the champion;
- Composition (grammar, spelling, etc.);
- Tone-as a writer, you have adopted a respectful and appropriate tone.

D. PRIZES

Essay Contest Prizes
First Prize \$500 certificate to Chinook Centre and a certificate of recognition of your achievement
Second Prize -\$350 certificate to the Apple Store and a certificate of recognition of your achievement
Third Prize: \$200 certificate to Best Buy and a certificate of recognition of your achievement

TEACHER OF EACH WINNING STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A \$200 CERTIFICATE FROM CHAPTERS

- Winners will be notified by **May 25, 2018**.
- The winning students will be invited to have their work displayed and recognized in the community.
- Decisions of the contest judges are final. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and no substitutions will be available.

Thanks for making this opportunity available to our students. The entries were heartfelt and clearly had us all thinking how we can all make a difference in our community. Teacher L.M. from CBE

Thank you so much! I am so pleased that all the judges appreciated the hard work that went into creating my entry. Student winner 2017

Thank you for entering our contest!