



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

FOR STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 9
CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 5, 2019

Alberta Champions Society is dedicated to recognizing citizens who have made significant lifetime contributions to our community. This is achieved by placing “Fields of Fame” which are sets of monuments that are installed around Calgary and area. We also wish to engage Albertans, especially our youth in our history and inspire them to make their own contributions to our community.

We have created our TENTH annual contest where you can enter, learn about an Albertan from our past, share their impact and inspiration, and win great prizes! **Check out last year’s winners.**
<http://albertachampions.org/2018-contest-winners/>

A. RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

1. Choose **one** of the Alberta Champions listed below who shaped life in Alberta; or **Choose your own “Champion” who inspires you by their lifetime contribution.**

RB Bennett	Eric Harvie	Ernest Manning
David Black	Harry Hays	Frederick C. Mannix
Senator Patrick Burns	Harley Hotchkiss	Bud McCaig
Wilf Carter	William Roper Hull	Nellie McClung
Martha Cohen	Alice Jamieson	Dr. Clara Christie Might
Chief Crowchild	Sydney Kahanoff	Betty Mitchell
Chief Crowfoot	Father Albert Lacombe	W.O. Mitchell
Haider Dhanani	Sam Livingston	Maude Riley
Mary Dover	Senator Sir James Lougheed	Arthur Smith
Bob Edwards	Peter Lougheed	Ron Southern
Annie Gayle	Grant MacEwan	Chief Walking Buffalo
Ruth Gorman	James Macleod	Henry Wise Wood
Another Albertan of your choice (posthumous)		

2. Research the background and accomplishments of the individual and cite your references (this might include an interview with someone who knew them).
3. Identify and describe a current political issue of concern in 2019 that could be considered a modern equivalent of the issues or challenges that the champion faced during his or her lifetime.
4. 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 our 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 Alberta. 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” at home, school or in your community now 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 5, 2019.

C. JUDGING (rubric available online)

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 relates to 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 Visa gift certificate and a certificate in recognition of your achievement
Second Prize:	\$350 Visa gift certificate and a certificate in recognition of your achievement
Third Prize:	\$200 Visa gift certificate and a certificate in recognition of your achievement

**** All students who enter will receive a certificate to add to their portfolio of accomplishments.

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

- Winners will be notified by **May 23, 2019**.
- The winning students will be recognized at a special event at Spruce Meadows in June 2019.
- Decisions of the contest judges are final. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and no substitutions will be available.

"This contest taught me a lot about an incredible woman I should have known about earlier, so I hope you can keep on hosting this contest in the future to teach other students about great role models here in our city and province." Student winner 2018

"Thank you so much for running such an awesome contest. I will continue to work with my students on it again next year." Teacher M.L. from CBE

Thank you for entering our contest!