



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

FOR STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 9
CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 20, 2017
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 EIGHTH 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 30 important champions that have been recognized by Alberta Champions since 2010 for their outstanding contributions to our city and province.

RB Bennett	Harley Hotchkiss	Ernest Manning
Senator Patrick Burns	William Roper Hull	Frederick C. Mannix
Wilf Carter	Alice Jamieson	Nellie McClung
Chief Crowchild	Sydney Kahanoff	Dr. Clara Christie Might
Chief Crowfoot	Father Albert Lacombe	Betty Mitchell
Mary Dover	Sam Livingston	W.O. Mitchell
Bob Edwards	Senator Sir James Lougheed	Maude Riley
Annie Gayle	Peter Lougheed	Arthur Smith
Eric Harvie	Grant MacEwan	Chief Walking Buffalo
Harry Hays	James Macleod	Henry Wise Wood

2. How to enter the Essay Contest:

- a. Choose **one** of the thirty 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 2017 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**). The essay must address each of the three categories below:
 - Describe this individual’s 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 supported 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.

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 story. 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 20, 2017.

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 CERTIFICATE FOR \$200 TO CHAPTERS INDIGO

- Winners will be notified by **May 26, 2017**.
- 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.

Thank you again for sponsorship of the contest. I learned much from the students’ research and we do indeed have a proud heritage. S.M. Teacher at Queen Elizabeth School

Thank you so much!!! I was thrilled to hear the news! This experience has been an amazing learning opportunity, as I did not have much knowledge in regards to R. B. Bennett prior to my research for this contest! A.W. Winner from West Island College

Thank you for entering our contest!