



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

**FOR ALBERTA STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 9
CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 22, 2021**

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 in southern Alberta. **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 **TWELFTH 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/2020-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. Write an **essay or poem or combination** about this individual (**up to 1500 words**). Use font **Times New Roman 12**. Your writing must address each of the categories below:
 - Describe the role the champion played and show how the champion’s lifetime actions **impacted the community** and were important to shaping present day life in Alberta.
 - Discuss an **important issue** that the champion took the lead in solving in their community.
 - Identify and describe a **current issue of concern in 2021** that could be considered a modern equivalent of the issues or challenges that the champion faced during his or her lifetime.
 - 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 at least 3 examples.**

B. SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- a. Fill in the entry form from the website. <http://albertachampions.org/alberta-wide-contest/>
- b. Be sure your name is not in a visible area in the body of the essay. **Use Word format, not pdf.**
- c. Submit your entry by **April 22, 2021.**

C. JUDGING (rubric available online)

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

- That the essay or poem 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 and Poem Contest Prizes	
First Prize:	\$500 Visa gift card and a certificate in recognition of your achievement
Second Prize:	\$350 Visa gift card and a certificate in recognition of your achievement
Third Prize:	\$200 Visa gift card 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 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- Winners will be notified by **June 3, 2021.**
- Prizes will be presented virtually with the students' classmates and then forwarded by Canada Post.
- Decisions of the contest judges are final. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and no substitutions will be available.

"I wanted to say thank you for involving me in such a wonderful project! It was very special to share with Tumi that she won second place. And what a HUGE surprise for me to receive MY gift as well!" Jennifer Shoults, B.Sc. B.Ed, Fairview School

Thank you for entering our contest!