

"PUTTING A FACE ON ALBERTA'S PAST" ***MULTIMEDIA CONTEST***

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 to 9 ALBERTA WIDE CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 21, 2023

Alberta Champions Society is dedicated to recognizing Albertans who have made significant lifetime contributions to our province. Champions are recognized in our "Fields of Fame", which are sets of monuments installed around Calgary and area. We wish to engage all Albertans, especially our youth, in our history and inspire them to make their own contributions to our community.

This is our **FOURTEENTH annual contest** where you can enter, learn about an Albertan from our past, share their impact and your inspiration, and win great prizes! Check out past winners here!

A. RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS FOR ENTRIES

- Choose one of the Alberta Champions listed on <u>The Alberta Champions website</u> or choose your own Albertan who has inspired you by their lifetime contribution (posthumous choice).
- 2. **Research** this individual's multiple contributions and impact. Ensure you understand the role the champion played in our past and how they stood out as a leader. Record your references in a bibliography.
- 3. **Reflect** how this individual has inspired you to pursue leadership, citizenship, to strive for excellence, to volunteer and/or work to "be a champion" at home, school, or in your community, both now and in the future. Be specific and provide at least three examples.
- 4. **Represent** all of this information in your entry. Your entry can be submitted in the form of a story, essay, poem, or other written format (up to 1500 words), a video (maximum 5 minutes), or another form of artistic expression.
- 5. If your entry is not in a written format, a written explanation must be included. The accompanying written explanation is your rationale explaining the project to the judges. You will need to include key research findings and explain how they are represented in your entry. You will also share the reflection piece of how this Champion has inspired you. You can check out the example of a rationale on the website.

B. TEACHERS

Check the Resource Section on the website for ideas around curriculum connections, research, bibliographies, sample entries, and more. Contest Resources webpage

The more students who complete the project, the more students in Alberta are exposed to history! If you choose to do this as a whole class, please select the top five entries from your class and upload only those entries for judging. If you wish to have certificates of participation for all other students, please contact info@albertachampions.org

C. SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY

- 1. Fill in the entry form from the website here
- 2. Use a Google doc or Word format, not pdf. If you are submitting a visual/artwork, take a photo and include the required written explanation in a Google doc or Word attachment.
- 3. Include the parent permission form.
- 4. Submit the completed entry forms and your entries in digital format to info@albertachampions.org
- 5. Submit your entry by April 4, 2023.

D. JUDGING

Judging of contest entries, including stories, essays, poems, other written work, videos and artwork, will be conducted by a committee. The committee will evaluate how well each submission:

- Demonstrates comprehensive research completed about the champion
- Establishes **how the champion was a leader**, and the **lifetime impact** that person had on the community
- Incorporates personal reflection with at least three specific examples of how the student is inspired by the champion
- Represents the above information in an engaging, effective, and polished format

Please note that all entries - regardless of format - will be judged using the same rubric found here

E. PRIZES

Decisions of the contest judges are final. Winners will be notified by **June 1, 2023,** and prizes will be presented in June. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and no substitutions will be available.

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

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

"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 the Calgary Board of Education

"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!" - Past student winner