



**Humanist Canada Essay Contest Committee**

**2019 ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION FORM AND GUIDELINES**

The Humanist Canada Essay Contest promotes logical thinking and communication skills valued by humanists. Humanism exists as a non-theistic philosophy that encourages the use of science, reason, and critical thinking in defining goals and seeking solutions to problems. It affirms the inherent dignity and worth of each human being and the ethical principles of truth, fairness, and compassion necessary in the governance of human actions for the improvement of our world. We remain heartened by the increasing number of young people accepting secular humanism as their life philosophy.

Essays may be written in French or in English. Each entrant may submit only one essay.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Students enrolled in a Canadian high school or CEGEP who were born after September 30, 1999 may enter this contest. Students do not need to be a Canadian citizen.

<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Postal Code</b>
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Phone number (Home)</b>	<b>Phone Number (Mobile)</b>	

<b>High School/CEGEP Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Postal Code</b>

**Tell the Humanist Canadian Essay Contest committee about personal background, life goals, political views, educational pursuits, intellectual interests, hobbies and so on.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page. It is intended for the student to write their personal background, life goals, political views, educational pursuits, intellectual interests, and hobbies.

## Application Requirements

- 1) An original essay of 750-1,500 words (not including references), typed, double-spaced, and in French or in English. An essay may have only one author. This year the essay contest opens for high school students to write on a head-and-heart topic interesting to them and relevant to humanism. For topic ideas, it may be helpful to visit our website or the easily-searchable websites of other humanist organizations. Essays will be examined/tested for plagiarism. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact us at the following: [essaycontest@hc-contest.ca](mailto:essaycontest@hc-contest.ca).
- 2) Essay entry must include a cover page, which has the name, mailing address, phone number, and email address of the author.
- 3) Entries must include references cited from academic sources. Any academic referencing style is acceptable.
- 4) A completed and signed Parent/Legal Guardian Permission and Waiver form.

**DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2019**

Submissions must be made by both email and regular mail.

Submit the above-required materials to the following email address:

[essaycontest@hc-contest.ca](mailto:essaycontest@hc-contest.ca)

**AND:**

Submit the above-required materials to the following postal address (postmarked no later than May 15, 2019):

Essay Contest Committee  
**HUMANIST CANADA**  
251 Laurier Ave West, Suite 900  
OTTAWA, ON, K1P 5J6

**Copyrights:** after submission, Humanist Canada will become the copyright holder of **the winning essays**. Humanist Canada, at its discretion, will decide to publish the essay or not.

Your participation in the Humanist Canada Essay Contest is welcomed. As well, we encourage the sharing of the essay contest announcement with others.

Sincerely,

**Humanist Canada Essay Contest Committee**

To follow-up on the contest: <http://hc-contest.ca/en>

## Additional information

Writing and style guide:

[https://sciencessociales.uottawa.ca/sites/socialsciences.uottawa.ca/files/guidederedaction2010-2011\\_000.pdf](https://sciencessociales.uottawa.ca/sites/socialsciences.uottawa.ca/files/guidederedaction2010-2011_000.pdf)

**Parental Permission and Waiver**

*Required for students who are less than 18 years of age as of May 15th, 2019 who live in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Island.*

*Required for students who are less than 19 years of age as of May 15th, 2019 who live in British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador.*

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/legal guardian of the contestant designated above, give permission to

\_\_\_\_\_ to enter the Humanist Canada Essay Contest 2019 sponsored by Humanist Canada.

Signature of parent/legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_