



Humanist Canada Essay Contest Committee

2020 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 educational institution who are 16 to 19 years old as of September 30, 2020 may enter this contest. Students do not need to be a Canadian citizen.

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

Educational Establishment Name		
Address		
City	Province	Postal Code

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

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Application Requirements

- 1) An original essay of 500-1,000 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 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: info@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) Essays must include references cited using the American Psychological Association(APA) style and grammar guidelines available at <https://apastyle.apa.org/>
- 4) A completed and signed Parent/Legal Guardian Permission and Waiver form.

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, 11:59PM, EST

Submissions must be made by email.

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

info@hc-contest.ca

Submit the above-required materials no later than September 30, 2020, 11:59 pm

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

Parental Permission and Waiver

Required for students who are less than 18 years of age as of September 30, 2020 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 September 30, 2020 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 2020 sponsored by Humanist Canada.

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____