

National Essay Contest



ESSAY - POEM - ARTWORK

**Win a scholarship and participate in one of the Canadian Navy Fleet reviews in
Esquimalt, BC (June 2010)
or
Halifax NS (July 2010).**

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Naval Officers' Association of Canada



Canadian Navy Centennial National Essay Contest

Dear Principal,

The Naval Officers Association of Canada, in conjunction with the Navy Centennial Committee, invites the grade 9-12 students at your school to participate in a special national Essay/Poe/Artwork contest. This branch of the armed forces was established under Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier and came to fruition through the Naval Service Act on April 4, 1910.

The Naval Officers Association of Canada (NOAC) formed in 1946 has been a continual supporter of the Canadian Navy and Maritime Affairs. Through their Endowment Fund they have provided scholarships to Junior Naval Officers and Sea Cadets and other Maritime efforts.

Our project invites High School students across Canada to consider the history of the service and through essay, poem or artwork, submit their perceptions for adjudication. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010. We plan to provide bursaries to the contest winners from each Province and the Territories with an additional award to the National Winner. It is also proposed that the winners from the west and Territories be guests at the June 2010 Fleet Review in (Esquimalt) Victoria. Ontario and the eastern provinces will be guests at the July 2010 Fleet Review in Halifax We hope that the topic will resonate with History, World Issues, Language and Art teachers and students.

In addition to the Provincial and Territory prizes, a full text and electronic report will be made available to the winning students and their schools. An electronic multidiscipline history resource on the Battle of the Atlantic will also be made available to every high school in Canada.

A team of teachers will make the initial evaluation and forward the top ten of all categories from each province and territory for final adjudication by a panel of retired Naval Officers and Naval Historians. The winning students and their school will be notified by the end of March, 2010. Preparations for Fleet Review visits will be organized at a later date.

Yours truly

Andrew A. Irwin

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Chair
National Essay Contest

Who is Eligible?

The details of the project are in the accompanying brochure and registration form. We invite you to copy and make available to those students who wish to participate.

Winners

Ten provincial winners and one representing the Territories will be hosted at the Fleet Reviews. Western and Territory Winners will be hosted in Esquimalt, B.C.; Eastern Winners will be hosted in Halifax, N.S.

Scholarships

Each of the 11 winners will also receive a scholarship of \$2,000. An overall winner will receive an additional \$3,000.

Participants are invited to choose a topic and express their creativity through an essay, poem or original artwork.

Topics

The evolutionary era 1910 - 1939
RCN Coming of Age 1939 – 1945
The RCN and the Cold War.
The Impact of Hellyer's Amalgamation
The Canadian Navy in the 21st Century
The Arctic Ocean in dispute.

Evaluation

A team of teachers will judge the submissions and select 100 for final evaluation by an NOAC panel of judges.

Guidelines

- 1. Entries may be submitted in English or French. Postmarked no later than January 15, 2010.**
- 2. Entries will be considered on the basis of established methods of essay/art evaluation with an additional focus on historical authenticity.**
- 3. Essays must be 'typed' and must be no more than 1000 words.**
- 4. Poems must not exceed 80 lines.**
- 5. Artwork must be original and combine your pride as a Canadian, your imagination and your artistic talent and originality. Submission must be no larger than 11 x 17.**
- 6. All submissions must carry full name, gender, grade, school and school district and be accompanied by the formal Registration form.**

The decision of the judges is final.

All winning submissions will become the property of the Naval Officers Association of Canada (NOAC).

Winners will receive notification via their school.



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In celebration of the Canadian Navy Centennial



Send submissions to
National Essay Contest

Naval Officers Association of Canada,
P.O. Box 80002, Appleby Postal Outlet, Burlington, Ontario, L7L 6B1

Student Submission Form

To be completed by student participant and signed by subject teacher

Full Name (print)..... Gender; M. F. Grade.....
Nom complet de l'étudiant(e) Sexe: M. F. Année.....

School/École:..... School District.....
Conseil scolaire

City/town/Ville..... Province/Territory..... Code.....

Phone/Téléphone..... email/Courriel.....

Teacher Mentor/Ensignant(e).....

Check
Cochez Essay/Composition Poem/poeme Artwork/oeuvre artistique

Parental Consent/Autorisation d'un parent/gardien(ne)

I hereby give my childpermission to participate in Canadian Navy Centennial National Essay Contest sponsored and conducted by the Naval Officers Association of Canada. I understand that the decision of the judges of the contest submissions is final. I further give permission for the Naval Officers Association of Canada to use, fully or partially, the submission of my child in print or electronic format in the production of a finished educational report.

Je par la présente, accorde la permission à mon enfant..... de participer au Concours Littéraire National parrainé et organisé par L'Association des Officiers de la Marine Canadienne. J'accorde à l'Association des Officiers de la Marine Canadienne le droit de reproduire la soumission de mon enfant pour le seul but de promouvoir ce programme et la Marine dans un rapport pour fin éducative.

Signature du parent /gardien(ne)

Confirmation of eligibility:.....NOAC/TABHS

Date.....