

Essay Contest Guideline

Who is eligible?

All students enrolled in grades 9-12 in public, private and home schools located in the following postal code areas.

Area: Students enrolled in schools located in the following postal code areas

M9L, M9M, M3J, M3K, M3L, M3M and M3N using FSA (first 3 digits of the postal code)

Grade: 9-12

General Rules

1. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others.
2. WeTogether will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Qualifications for Contestants

1. Contestants may submit only one essay entry during any given contest year.
2. No individual having previously won a WeTogether Essay Scholarship will be eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.

Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official topic.
2. Each entry must include the Contest Application form.
3. Essays must be typewritten and must be double-spaced.
4. Essays must contain at least 300 words but no more than 500 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography or footnotes.
5. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
6. Essays must be written in English.
7. Essays must be written in PDF format.
8. Essay must be submitted by email at info@wtcanada.org along with the application form.

Judging and Timing

1. Judging will be completed by a panel of qualified judges.
2. Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged until all essays have been judged.
3. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Scoring of Contest

Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.

1. Material Organization (Logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic): 40 points
2. Vocabulary and Style (Phrasing and continuity): 30 points
3. Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: 20 points
4. Neatness: 5 points
5. Adherence to contest rules (prepared in the proper format): 5 points