

MANITOBA MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Henry E. Plett Memorial Award for Family & Community Histories

PURPOSE:

To promote and encourage the writing and publication of research in family and community history.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any high school or university student in the province of Manitoba.

AWARDS:

The awards shall consist of two cash prizes:
2 \$300.00 Prizes – one multimedia, one essay

JUDGING:

Members of the Genealogy Committee of the MMHS serve as judges and may call on others to assist them. Teachers will be notified of the winners at their schools in June.

EVALUATION:

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The originality (to researchers) of materials presented.
2. The initiative and originality evidenced in the presentation.
3. Acceptable English language usage expected at high school level, with attention paid to spelling, syntax (including grammatical rules), sentence structure, and punctuation.
4. Neatness and orderliness of the completed project.
5. Creativity in use of multimedia to depict the material

Guidelines

Essay

- The first page of the submission should indicate the title of the project, the name, address, grade level, and age of the student, and the names of the teacher and school.
- The length of the submission is to be a minimum of 2000 words, or 10 pages, double-spaced.
- The project should show evidence of student research into Mennonite family or community history. Students are encouraged to use their initiative and imagination in locating source materials. Examples of sources include:
 - family records, such as diaries, correspondence, entries in Bibles, written memoirs, etc.;
 - oral interviews;
 - genealogical centres, archives, and libraries;
 - statistical records such as church, school, or state records of vital statistics, etc.
- Evidence of research should be shown by the inclusion of a family tree or chart, standardized footnoting and a bibliography citing all sources.

Multimedia

- Present the above guidelines in a creative format
 - Painting, video, display, etc.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions must be mailed no later than **April 30** to:

Henry E. Plett Memorial Award
Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
600 Shaftesbury Blvd.
Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4

Or emailed to mmhs@mmhs.org

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