

2008 WRITING COMPETITION

HOLODOMOR: FAMINE-GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE, 1932-1933

This year 2008, marks the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor: Famine-Genocide, which took place in Ukraine 1932-1933. Stalin and the Soviet occupying forces deliberately starved to death millions of innocent men, women and children in an effort to eradicate the Ukrainian nation. The objective of the Holodomor was to destroy the Ukrainian national consciousness and to quash the aspirations of the Ukrainian people for independence.

As one of the most devastating yet least understood tragedies of the 20th century, it largely remains unknown to the general public. The victims deserve a place in history and in our memory. Canada became home to a number of famine survivors after the Second World War, and although this generation is passing away, their children still carry the memory of their parents' nightmares.

This writing competition presents an opportunity for students to write about the Holodomor in order to help raise public awareness.

Categories Based on historical facts of the 1932-33 Holodomor of Ukraine, you may choose to write in any of the following categories:

<i>Historical short fiction</i>	<i>Historical research essay</i>
<i>Newspaper article</i>	<i>Newspaper editorial</i>
<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Interview/biography with survivor</i>

Prizes 1st Prize - \$500.00 sponsored by **Prometheus Foundation**
2nd Prize - \$300.00 sponsored by **Prometheus Foundation**
3rd Prize - \$200.00 sponsored by **Prometheus Foundation**
Ten honourable mentions at \$50.00 each sponsored by:
Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch (\$250.00)
and **Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association**
(\$250.00)

Winning entries as well as honourable mentions may be published in English/Ukrainian newspapers, magazines, web sites

Format Language - English or Ukrainian
Length - 1,000 - 2,500 words for manuscripts and 400 - 800 words for poems
Printed on one side of 8 ½ x 11 white paper, 1" margins
Electronic or diskette submissions will **not** be accepted
Spacing – double for essays, single for poetry
Page number and title/keyword must appear at the top of each page
Submit two copies
Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript or poem, as all judging will be anonymous.

Eligibility Age category – 14 to 19 years of age
Must be resident of Canada
Entries must be received/postmarked **no later than May 31, 2008**
May not be the collective work of more than one author
Must include rough copies/outlines from inception to final submission
Entries must be originals, unpublished and not be considered elsewhere at the time of submission
Research essays must include footnotes and bibliography
Entries will not be returned
One entry per competitor

Competition release form (attached) must be completed, including parental/guardian signature
All entries will be judged anonymously (name of student will be unknown)
Decision of judges will be final

Submission must include a signed copy of the attached release form as well as a cover letter with the following information: Title, category, full name, address, phone number, name of attending school and current grade.

Send to: Famine-Genocide Commemorative Committee, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch, 145 Evans Avenue, Toronto, ON M8Z 5X8.
Attention: Writing Competition.

The Famine-Genocide Commemorative Committee reserves the right not to award a prize or any prizes when submissions do not meet competition standards or criteria.

**Organized by the
Famine-Genocide Commemorative Committee,
Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch**

www.faminegenocide.com

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RELEASE FORM

I, _____(first and last name), certify that the manuscript/poem I submit is my original work. I agree to accept as final and be bound by the judges' decisions. I understand that any questions regarding the interpretation of the rules, and any matters relating to the competition, which are not specifically covered by the rules, will be decided solely at the discretion of the competition officials.

I understand and agree that my manuscript/poem will be objectively evaluated. I will hold harmless and indemnify the **Famine Genocide Commemorative Committee** of the **Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch**, its agents, employees and volunteers for any and all losses, costs or expense incurred from any dispute arising from my participation in the competition. The Committee may post my submission on their web site or reprint it in a newspaper, magazine or other publication.

I acknowledge by my signature below that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the rules. I understand that my competition submission will not be accepted without my signature below.

Signature of competitor: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____