

The Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship



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Introduction

Applications are now being accepted for the Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship.

This award was created by the government of Alberta to honour the life and contributions of the late Dr. Grant MacEwan. Dr. MacEwan served as both the Mayor of Calgary and Alberta's Lieutenant Governor.

He was widely known and wrote more than fifty books on subjects including nature, folklore, agriculture, politics, environment, literature, history and the people of Alberta.

Scholarships of \$2,500 each are awarded annually to four young Alberta writers who create a literary work reflecting Alberta and/or Dr. MacEwan's interests.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must submit a short story or an essay to this competition. The work must reflect the interests of Dr. MacEwan as set out in the "Introduction" to this program. The work should not be a biography of Dr. MacEwan.
- All work submitted must be written by an Alberta resident. A "resident" means a person lawfully entitled to be or remain in Canada, whose primary residence has been in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to application, and who ordinarily lives in Alberta.
- Applicants may submit their work in either English or French.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 25 as of December 31 of the application year.
- Any work submitted must be original and written solely by the applicant. Any applicant who submits a work that is not original, commits plagiarism, or violates the Copyright Act of Canada will be considered ineligible and the work subject to rejection.
- Applicants must submit work between 1,000 and 5,000 words in length. Works under or over this amount may be considered ineligible.
- The scholarship will only be granted if the applicant can prove enrollment in an acceptable program of study or mentorship. If a winning applicant is not enrolled at the time of application, funds will be held on their behalf by Alberta Community Development for no more than three years.

Assessment

Assessment for the Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship will be made by an expert jury, with recommendations made to Alberta Community Development for approval. Four awards of \$2,500 each will be granted. All applicants, successful and unsuccessful, will be notified via mail.

Application Requirements

- A completed and signed application form.
- If under 18 years of age, a parent and/or guardian must co-sign the application.
- Work is to be submitted on white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper, single-sided, double-spaced, in 12-pt. type in a bound (stapled or cerlox) form.
- A letter (maximum 2 pages) answering the following questions: who you are; where you are from; what (if any) previous writing experience you have; what interests you in writing; how does your essay/short story reflect Dr. MacEwan's interests; how you will use the scholarship to improve your writing skills if you are the successful applicant.
- One letter of reference, preferably from one of the following: a high school, college or university instructor in English or Creative Writing; a published author, journalist, bona fide publisher, or similar professional working in the literary arts.
- Hard copy applications will be accepted, by mail only. No faxed, disk, or e-mail submissions will be accepted.
- Deadline for submission is Noon, December 15 annually.
- Four copies of all material (letter, essay/short story, reference letter, and application form) to Alberta Community Development. Please note that reference letters should not be sent under separate cover but photocopied and submitted with the application.
- All application material, including writing samples, will not be returned.

Feel free to photocopy this brochure.

Application Form — Young Writer's Scholarship



Name of Applicant: Ms Mr _____

Social Insurance Number: _____

Address: _____
Street Address P.O. Box

_____ City Province Postal Code

Telephone: Res: _____ Bus: _____ Fax: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Checklist

Your application must include:

- a completed and signed application form and letter;
- a parent and/or guardian's signature if you are under 18 years of age;
- a letter of reference;
- one original and (3) three copies of the completed application and required attachments.

PLEASE COMPLETE REMAINDER OF APPLICATION ON REVERSE

Submit to: Alberta Community Development 10708 – 105 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5H 0A1	30010	Vendor No.	OFFICE USE ONLY	Project No.

Applicant Agreement

- I agree not to hold Alberta Community Development, its employees or agents responsible should the application or supporting material be lost or damaged.
- I agree to accept the decision of the judges as final and to allow publication of my essay without restriction. I further agree to allow my name, photograph and personal information to be used for the purpose of publicizing the Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship program.
- I have completed the attached essay without committing plagiarism or in any other way using the work of another and claiming it as my own.
- I authorize Alberta Community Development to request and receive information pertaining to my enrolment status at my post-secondary institution or place of mentorship.
- I authorize the release and exchange of personal information by and between Alberta Community Development and any provincial government departments, boards or institutions to verify the information I have provided to Alberta Community Development and for the use in research and statistical analysis in program evaluation.
- I have reviewed this entry and accompanying documents, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained herein is true and complete in every respect.

Signature of Applicant

Name (type or print)

Date:

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age)

Name (type or print)

Date:

The personal information collected using this form is required for the administration of this program.

The information will not be disclosed to any other third parties except as allowed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

For further information about this program and the use of the personal information, please contact:

Alberta Community Development
Arts Branch

Telephone: (780) 427-6315 or call toll-free at 310-0000