



Does Age Matter?

The Roderick A. Macdonald Contest
September 2002 – May 2003

Cash prizes to be Won

For English and French in each of two categories:

Where a teacher has submitted a first prize winning entry, the Law Commission of Canada will contribute a matching prize to that school.

- \$500** first prize,
- \$350** second prize,
- \$200** third prize

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Everyone is talking about it: the population in Canada is aging. The number of older people is growing much faster than the number of young people. Society has attitudes and perceptions about the two generations that can affect how they are treated. In addition, some government laws, policies and programs provide certain advantages or impose certain restrictions on your age group and on older adults – pensions, tuition fees, voting age, driving age, for example. Sometimes these laws and programs are beneficial and sometimes they are discriminatory. You can help us identify what we can do to ensure that older adults and young people are treated fairly, without discrimination, while promoting justice and sharing between the generations.

The Roderick A. Macdonald Contest is your opportunity to talk to your friends and the older people in your life and express your thoughts on what can be done to guarantee justice for Canadians of all ages. You can win prizes and recognition, and more importantly, you will be providing input that will help reform laws and policies in Canada. The contest is sponsored by the Law Commission of Canada, an independent federal law reform agency dedicated to stimulating new approaches to, and new thoughts about, the law. Roderick A. Macdonald, the Law Commission's first president, passionately believes that young Canadians should be involved in improving Canada's laws.

Rules

1. You are eligible to enter the contest if you are in your final two years of high school.
2. Your entry may be *written* (a collection of personal stories or interviews, a diary, a short story, or a research report) or *visual* (a video, photos or visual art with captions or quotes, or a poster).

3. Please visit our web site at www.lcc.gc.ca for further issues and questions that will help guide your submission.

4. Submit your entry electronically, if possible, to info@lcc.gc.ca or by mail to the following address:

Law Commission of Canada
11th floor, Trebla Building
473 Albert Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H8

Please type "Roderick A. Macdonald Contest" in the subject line of your e-mail or on the envelope. The deadline is 5 p.m. (EST), Thursday, May 1, 2003.

Include the following information on a separate page at the start of your entry: your name, grade, home address and phone number, the name, address and phone number of your school. If a teacher submits your entry, his or her name must be included on the page.

For more information and detailed rules, go to the Law Commission of Canada's web site at www.lcc.gc.ca.

Check out the Law Commission of Canada's other work on Justice Between the Generations.

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The winners will be announced in June 2003.



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