

Dear Educator,

To coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada is proud to announce the Canadian Student Human Rights Awards program. The purpose of this program is to promote an awareness of human rights issues among all students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Human rights can include a wide range of experiences that students may encounter. It can mean being treated differently because of one's race, religion, gender, or country of origin.

Students are encouraged to submit their own example of a human rights issue that affects them or their friends. This can be in the form of an essay, a play, a poem, a song, a picture or a video. It can be a website or interactive computer game. Students can be as creative as they choose.

For more information please visit our website at www.bnaibrith.ca/studenthumanrightsawards

PURPOSE:

To promote and encourage an awareness of human rights for students of all ages.

GUIDELINES

- 1 Issues dealt with must be related to living in Canada.
- 2 Submissions can be done by individuals or groups.
- 3 Entries must be submitted to the League for Human Rights for judging.

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged according to the following age groups:
Grades 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 to 12.

A panel of judges will evaluate the projects for creativity, originality and relevance to Canadian students' lives.

AWARDS

All students who send in an entry will receive a Certificate of Participation and a letter of recognition for their efforts. The winning projects will be recognized at a special ceremony in June 2009.

ENTRIES

FORMAT

We encourage students to be as creative as they like. Entries can be in the form of poems, essays, posters, collages, songs, photos, drawings, videos, etc..

TOPICS:

Submissions for the Human Rights Award should address any of the following topics:

1. Discrimination based on age, sex, colour, religion, nationality, physical or mental disability, economic status, cultural or regional differences
2. Promotion of acceptance, diversity, unity, and respect for differences.
3. Understanding of different cultures and backgrounds. This can include differences and similarities, foods, music, clothing, religious symbols religious celebrations)
4. Understanding of the Canadian experience for different cultural groups.
5. Promotion and understanding of human rights legislation.
6. Issues involving racist jokes, ethnic slurs, name calling, graffiti, or vandalism. Who gets hurt? How prevalent is it? Who is causing it? What should students do when they see it?
7. Historical injustices to different cultural groups.
8. Strategies to fight racism.
9. Actions to improve human rights in schools.

RESOURCES

Students can use a variety of resources to help them develop their submission. Materials are available in local libraries, and at the Boards of Education. As well students can contact the Provincial Ministries of Education, Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and the Human Rights Commission, as well as Multiculturalism Canada or the League for Human Rights.

COPIES OF SUBMISSION

Please be sure to keep a copy of your submission as contest entries will not be returned.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES: May 22, 2009

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

BY MAIL: Canadian Student Human Rights Awards
Or drop off B'nai Brith Canada
15 Hove Street
Toronto, ON M3H 4Y8

BY email: www.bnaibrith/studenthumanrightsawards

The Canadian Student Human Rights Award is a program of
The League for Human Rights.

The League for Human Rights congratulates all educators and participants for promoting
and encouraging Human Rights.

The League for Human Rights, an agency of B'nai Brith Canada, is a national volunteer
association dedicated to combating racism and bigotry. The objectives of the League include
human rights for all Canadians, improved intercommunity relations, and the elimination of racial
discrimination and anti-semitism. The league accomplishes these goals through educational
programs, community action, and the provision of legal advice and action.

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School Name _____

ENTRY DUE DATE: May 22, 2009

Name _____ Grade _____ Male Female

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Tel # _____

TOPIC: _____

Brief Description of Entry: _____

poem story picture song
video play photo website other _____

WAIVER: I give permission to The League of Human Rights to publish my name and a description of my entry.

Participant's signature (Parent/Guardian if
under 18)

Date

ENTRIES SHOULD BE MAILED TO
OR DROPPED OFF AT:

The League of Human Rights
15 Hove Street
Toronto, ON M3H 4Y8

Email entries to: studenthumanrightsawards@bnaibrith.ca

To submit your project on-line, go to: www.bnaibrith/studenthumanrightsawards

Privacy Statement: We are committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. We maintain a record of your entry for contest awards purposes.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.bnaibrith.ca**