



The 2023 Brandon Langhjelm Memorial Essay Contest

Eligibility and Guidelines

Please review your eligibility for the contest and follow all the guidelines in this document. Essays that violate these guidelines will be disqualified.

Eligibility

- Contestants must be a permanent resident or citizen of Canada or have proof of immigration status in Canada.
- Contestants must be age 15-25 at time of contest deadline. Age verification will be required for all winning contestants.
- Contestants must be a student, i.e., enrolled as a student in a public school, private school, homeschool, post-secondary institution, or other legally recognized educational institution at time of contest deadline. Verification of enrollment will be required for all winning contestants.
- The Justice Centre will not accept submissions from any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative of the Justice Centre. Neither will the Justice Centre accept submissions from any immediate family or household members of any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative of the Justice Centre.

Length

- Essays should be at least 1,200 words but should not exceed 1,500 words.
- The word count does not apply to footnotes or to bibliography.
- The word count must be included on the submitted document.

Formatting

- Essays should not contain any personal, identifying information about the contestant (e.g., their name, email address, or gender). Essays containing such information will be disqualified.
- Essays should contain a clearly marked title page, introduction, body, conclusion, and bibliography.
- Essays should be double-spaced with (a minimum of) one-inch margins.

Sources

- Essays should use a variety of sources—academic journals, news sources, magazines, online and print newspapers, books, government documents, or publications from research organizations. At least three of the cited materials should be primary sources (i.e., not a second-hand account of a primary source).
- General encyclopedias (including Wikipedia) are not acceptable sources. Essays citing general encyclopedias in the footnotes or bibliography will be disqualified.
- All sources should be properly cited. (The Justice Centre has no citation style preference. However, whatever style is used must be used consistently and properly.)
- Contestants must submit an original essay. By submitting an essay, contestants acknowledge that the material is original and their own.