

The Leone McGregor Writing Competition

FAQs

Open Competition

General:

What is the Deadline for application?

Deadline for application is 3:00 pm, Monday, June 15, 2015.

Extensions will not be granted under any circumstances. Make sure you leave yourself enough time to get your entries in BEFORE the deadline.

When will the winners be notified?

The adjudication process is quite lengthy. Winners will be notified by October 31, 2015. Please do not call the Dean's Office to check if you have won. Every entrant will receive an e-mail, letter or phone call, indicating whether his/her entry was selected as the winner.

If I win, will my entry be published anywhere?

Possibly. That privilege remains with the donor and the Faculty of Arts, and will be decided once a winner is chosen.

Will the judges know who wrote each entry?

No, all identifying information (e.g. name, ID number) is removed from the entries before they are submitted to the judges. Also, the judges will not see your application form—anything you write on the application form will not affect your success in the competition. Nevertheless, the application form MUST be included with your entry.

Eligibility:

If I am registered in a Faculty other than Arts (i.e. Arts is not my home Faculty), can I enter the competition?

Yes. This competition is open to students registered in any faculty of the University of Alberta. This includes students registered at Campus St. Jean and Augustana Campus.

Can I enter the competition if I am graduating this Spring (2015)?

Yes.

If am working on an after degree, can I enter the competition?

Yes, provided you meet the rest of the eligibility criteria.

If I am a visiting student, exchange student, open studies student or a graduate student, can I enter the competition?

Yes. As long as you are taking classes worth at least 3* credits in the Winter semester (January – April 2015), you are eligible to enter.

Audit only and special students are not eligible under either competition.

Entries:

Are there any limitations about the topic of my submission?

Yes. The topic of your entry must celebrate the life of Dr. Leone McGregor (1900 – 1977). Inspiration and ideas may be taken from the recently published *Gold Medalist: The Annotated Biography of Leone McGregor Hellstedt, MD, MSc, Med.lic, DSc.* in which her life has been documented. There are four suggested types of themes in the first paragraph on page 288.

Are copies of the book available, and if so, where can I get a copy?

Complimentary copies of this book are available to students wishing to submit an entry. Copies can be picked up at the Faculty Office, Faculty of Arts. Please contact Nancie Hodgson (nancie@ualberta.ca) or 6-33 Humanities Centre. Copies are available to borrow from most public libraries in Alberta.

Can I write my submission in a language other than English?

No. Submissions must be written in English.

Does my submission have to be written specifically for this competition?

Yes.

Can I submit something that I worked on as part of a course?

Yes, as long as the submission is an original composition and your own work with no collaboration or outside input.

Will I be able to submit my entry to publications, following the competition?

If you are selected as the winner of the competition, the Faculty of Arts (and the donor) reserves the first right of refusal to publish your submission. If you are not the winner, you are free to do as you wish with your writing, once the winner has been selected.

Can two people submit a co-authored piece?

No. Each submission must be authored by a single person, however, asking friends to criticize and edit your work for grammar or spelling is permissible. Content edits from anyone else are not permissible.

Can I provide you with artwork as a complement to my writing?

No. This is solely a writing competition.

Can I make and submit a video or film as my entry?

Can I write and produce a play, then film it and submit the film as my entry?

No. This is solely a writing competition. You may write the script for a play, video or film, however, your entry must be submitted in that written format. Producing the work and submitting the production will disqualify your entry.

What if my word count isn't a minimum of 5,000 words? Or, exceeds the 15,000 word maximum?

Your entry will be disqualified. There are no exceptions to this rule, no matter how close you are to the word count limitations.

Which parts of my entry should count towards the word count?

Word count should NOT include the title, author's name or information from the application form. Footnotes SHOULD be included in the word count; however, please note you are not obligated to include footnotes if your submission does not warrant them.

The Winner's Prize:

What types of restrictions are on the prize money?

None. There is no catch. This is a cash prize for the winner to do with as they choose.

Are there tax implications for my Award?

Potentially. The University will issue a T4A based on the calendar year the award is paid. Applicable income taxes may be applied by Canada Revenue Agency as per the Income Tax Act.

If you are applying for scholarships or bursaries, this award must be reported on those applications as an additional resource.

Canadian Citizens/Permanent Residents:

If you are a student receiving government student loan funding from Alberta DO NOT notify Alberta Student Finance of your award. Alberta no longer requires their students to send in this information. This includes the Canada student loan portion of your loan.

If you are a student receiving government student loan funding from any other Province in Canada you MUST notify your Provincial government student loan offices of your change in income. On your notification to your Province, describe the award as "scholarship income" in your correspondence. For assistance or questions about updating your Province's student loan information, contact Student Connect at 780-492-3113 or drop in to the main floor Administration Building.