



The Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards (formerly the Canadian War Museum History Awards)

The Canadian War Museum is dedicated to the study of Canadian military history and the effects of war upon Canada and its people. The Museum also recognizes the need to assist students who plan to continue their studies in the field of history. The Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards have been instituted to support and encourage these students.

Value of the Awards

The total value of the Awards consists of five prizes of \$1000 each, to be distributed to five winning students.

Criteria for admission

Application for the Canadian War Museum History Awards is open to all senior students who plan on graduating from secondary school in the spring of 2012. To qualify, each student must submit an original work using one of the following media:

Text
Visual Art
Web Design
Audio or Video Production

In addition, each student must include a completed application form (attached).

Please do NOT include extra material such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, news clippings or résumés.

Deadline

Completed applications must be postmarked and mailed no later than **April 15th, 2012**. Late applications and applications that do not provide all the requested material will not be reviewed. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be considered.

Theme

Every year, the Canadian War Museum selects a theme on which students must base their work. For 2012, students are to produce a work on the following theme:

The War of 1812

In July 1812, war broke out between Great Britain and the United States. Over the next three years, Americans, Britons, Canadians, and First Peoples found themselves caught up in a conflict that saw Canada invaded, navies clash on the Great Lakes and on the high-seas, Washington burned, and powerful armies battle in the southern United States. By the war's end, by both sides claimed victory. The war and its memory affected all participants.

Your original work should explore a theme associated with the War of 1812. Here are some questions you might like to consider: How did the war shape Canada and the world? Who won – and who lost - the War of 1812? How does it affect your life in Canada today?

Guidelines

Submissions may use one of the media listed below:

- Text (i.e. essay, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, journalism)
- Visual Art (i.e. photography, drawing, painting, 3-D elements)
- Web Design (i.e. text, images, graphics, animations)
- Audio or Video Productions (i.e. songs, documentaries, commentaries, films)

1) Text

- Must be written either in English or in French, to a maximum of 2000 words.
- Students must include 4 copies of their written assignment.

2) Visual Art

- Students may employ any two- or three-dimensional media.
- Students must submit their original work and 4 copies of an abstract explaining their work and the materials used in a minimum of 250 words.

3) Web Design

- Text elements on the web site must be written either in English or in French.
- Students must ensure that the web site is fully accessible as of April 15th, 2012.
- Students must submit 4 copies of each page/screen from their web site.

4) Audio or Video Production

- Productions must be in English or French (using subtitles or translations where necessary) and must not exceed 10 minutes in length.
- Students must submit 4 copies of the transcript of their production.
- Audio productions may be submitted either on cassette tape or CD.
- Video productions may be submitted either on VHS cassette, DVD or CD-Rom.

Sending your application

Send your original work and a completed application form to:

**The Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards
1 Vimy Place
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0M8**

Review Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary Canadian War Museum committee based on creativity, scholarship, critical thinking, relevance and the ability to communicate a clear message. Of the entries submitted, the committee may select up to five winners, each of whom will receive \$1000. The committee reserves the right of final decision.

Notification to students

All candidates will be notified of the committee's decision by early June, 2012. Submissions, whether successful or not, will not be returned. Winning submissions become the exclusive property of the Canadian War Museum.

Award payment

Every effort will be made to formally present awards at each successful student's graduation ceremony (if applicable). Failing this, awards will be sent directly to the successful student's current address.

In addition to receiving a monetary award, winning students will have their original works posted on the Canadian War Museum's Web site.

Inquiries

For any inquiries about the Canadian War Museum's History Award, students can either e-mail us at: education@warmuseum.ca or call us at (819) 776-8617 and leave their name, a brief message and phone number.

The Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards Application Form

Name of student (please print): _____

Home address: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Home telephone: _____

Home e-mail: _____

School: _____

School address: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ School telephone: _____

Name of principal: _____

Category of application (check only one):

Text Visual art Web design Audio or Video Production

Please read carefully: I certify that the enclosed work is solely my own and that I have read and agree to the Award conditions stated above. I agree to accept the decision of the committee members as final. I further agree that the Canadian War Museum and/or its designated agents may use my name for the purpose of publicizing The Canadian War Museum History Award, also without restriction.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date received:	No.:	Fin.:	Rk.:
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