

Student Essay Competition



The Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Mount Saint Vincent University advances knowledge on aging to inform social policy and practice and enhance the quality of life of older people and their families (www.msvu.ca/nsca). The Centre is celebrating its 25th anniversary and part of its activities include a student essay competition **for students in Grades 5 and 6 within the Halifax Regional School Board**. The goal of the competition is to increase awareness of older adults and the contributions they make to families and society, and to foster a culture of caring and respect across the generations.

Students are to choose **one** of the three options:

- 1) Write an essay about an older person in your life and what you learned from him/her. In your essay, describe the way in which this learning occurs and why it is important.
- 2) Write an essay about an older person in your life who you think makes a valuable contribution to the community. In your essay, describe what this contribution is and why you think it is valuable.
- 3) Write an essay about why older people are important to our families and our communities and what can be done to increase their participation in our families/communities.

Essay requirements, evaluation criteria and prizes:

- 500 words maximum, English, double space, typed or neatly hand written, one side only.
- Entries will be assessed on the basis of originality of thought, expression, presentation, grammar and spelling.
- Entry to include student's full name, address, phone number, email address, name of school attending, grade, and teacher's name and the child's parent/guardian consent.
- Award - \$100 1st; \$50 2nd, and a gift card for each winning students' library.
- Winners will be recognized at the Centre's anniversary dinner on April 6, 2017 and at an assembly of the students' school if approved by respective school. The winners and their submission will also be promoted on the Centre's website and in its other promotional material (e.g., Newsletter, exhibits).

Submit entries by **Thursday, March 9, 2017** to: Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Attention: Student Essay Program, MCC Mail Box 03, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS, B3M 2J6 or by email (Word or Adobe format): nsca@msvu.ca Subject: Student Essay Competition. For more information please contact us at nsca@msvu.ca or by calling 902-457-6546.