

## 2008 WRITING COMPETITION

### HOLODOMOR: FAMINE-GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE, 1932-1933

This year 2008, marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holodomor: Famine-Genocide, which took place in Ukraine 1932-1933. Stalin and the Soviet occupying forces deliberately starved to death millions of innocent men, women and children in an effort to eradicate the Ukrainian nation. The objective of the Holodomor was to destroy the Ukrainian national consciousness and to quash the aspirations of the Ukrainian people for independence.

As one of the most devastating yet least understood tragedies of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it largely remains unknown to the general public. The victims deserve a place in history and in our memory. Canada became home to a number of famine survivors after the Second World War, and although this generation is passing away, their children still carry the memory of their parents' nightmares.

This writing competition presents an opportunity for students to write about the Holodomor in order to help raise public awareness.

**Categories** Based on historical facts of the 1932-33 Holodomor of Ukraine, you may choose to write in any of the following categories:

<i>Historical short fiction</i>	<i>Historical research essay</i>
<i>Newspaper article</i>	<i>Newspaper editorial</i>
<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Interview/biography with survivor</i>

**Prizes** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$500.00 sponsored by **Prometheus Foundation**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300.00 sponsored by **Prometheus Foundation**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200.00 sponsored by **Prometheus Foundation**  
Ten honourable mentions at \$50.00 each sponsored by :  
**Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch** (\$250.00)  
and **Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association** (\$250.00)

Winning entries as well as honourable mentions may be published in English/Ukrainian newspapers, magazines, web sites

**Format** Language - English or Ukrainian  
Length - 1,000 - 2,500 words for manuscripts and 400 - 800 words for poems  
Printed on one side of 8 ½ x 11 white paper, 1" margins  
Electronic or diskette submissions will **not** be accepted  
Spacing – double for essays, single for poetry  
Page number and title/keyword must appear at the top of each page

Submit two copies  
Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript or poem,  
as all judging will be anonymous.

**Eligibility** Age category – 14 to 19 years of age  
Must be resident of Canada  
Entries must be received/postmarked **no later than June 30, 2008**  
May not be the collective work of more than one author  
Must include rough copies/outlines from inception to final submission  
Entries must be originals, unpublished and not be considered elsewhere  
at the time of submission  
Research essays must include footnotes and bibliography  
Entries will not be returned  
One entry per competitor

**Competition release form** (attached) must be completed, including  
parental/guardian signature  
All entries will be judged anonymously (name of student will be  
unknown)  
Decision of judges will be final

Submission must include a signed copy of the attached release form as  
well as a cover letter with the following information: Title, category, full  
name, address, phone number, name of attending school and current  
grade.

**Send to:** Famine-Genocide Commemorative Committee, Ukrainian  
Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch, 145 Evans Avenue, Toronto, ON  
M8Z 5X8. Attention: Writing Competition.

The Famine-Genocide Commemorative Committee reserves the right not to award  
a prize or any prizes when submissions do not meet competition standards or criteria.

**Organized by the  
Famine-Genocide Commemorative Committee,  
Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch**

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#### RELEASE FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (first and last name),  
certify that the manuscript/poem I submit is my original work. I agree to accept as  
final and be bound by the judges' decisions. I understand that any questions  
regarding the interpretation of the rules, and any matters relating to the competition  
which are not specifically covered by the rules will be decided solely at the discretion  
of the competition officials.

I understand and agree that my manuscript/poem will be objectively evaluated. I will  
hold harmless and indemnify the **Famine Genocide Commemorative Committee** of  
the **Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch**, its agents, employees and  
volunteers for any and all losses, costs or expense incurred from any dispute arising  
from my participation in the competition. The Committee may post my submission on  
their web site or reprint it in a newspaper, magazine or other publication.

I acknowledge by my signature below that I have read, understand and agree to be  
bound by the rules. I understand that my competition submission will not be accepted  
without my signature below.

Signature of  
competitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of  
parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_