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British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association (BCVCA)

Freedom is not given. It is earned.

The Triumph of Democracy Literary Contest – Judging Criteria

- This literary contest is open to British Columbia students attending grades 7 through 12.
- Application and essay submissions are due on or before Friday, November 11, 2022.
- Students should submit essays – up to 1600 words – in a letter-sized (8.5" x 11") printed document.
- Applications should be printed and signed and then, along with the printed essay, mailed with sufficient postage to:

Lt.Col. (Ret'd) Archie M. Steacy CD UE
120 East St. James Road
North Vancouver, BC V7N 1K9

JUDGING OF STUDENT ESSAYS WILL BE WEIGHTED UNDER FOUR CRITERIA.

CRITERION (A) – 40%

UNDERSTANDING OF OBJECTIVES AND THEMES

(Past, Present, Future, Remembrance)

Essays will be judged on students' general knowledge and understanding of Canada's historical and present military role in supporting Allied Nations in defence of freedom and democracy. Mentioning various Wars and Military Operations in which Canada participated will help determine their degree of general knowledge.

CRITERION (B) – 40%

ORIGINAL VIEWS AND INSIGHTS OF OBJECTIVES AND THEMES

(Past, Present, Future, Remembrance)

Judges will look for students' original views about service, sacrifice and Remembrance. Students' insights about War, peace, democracy and freedoms will demonstrate to the judges the type of world young people envision for their future.

CRITERION (C) – 15%

MANNER OF PRESENTATION TO INSPIRE READER

Students will be judged on their manner of writing and presentation to engage the reader's interest. The purpose is to make the reader want to know more about the students' views and insights.

CRITERION (D) – 5%

PROPER GRAMMAR

Judges will review standard grammar and sentence structures for the reader's ease of comprehension.

NOTE: the BCVCA general P.O. BOX does not accept large envelopes.

Please mail submissions to the North Vancouver address at the top right of this page. Thank you.