

Student Achievement Awards 2019 In Honour of Marion Drysdale - GUIDELINES

Ahead by a Century

Please review the guidelines carefully as your submission may be rejected if incomplete.

OSSTF/FEESO invites secondary student writers and artists to submit creative work exploring 2019's Student Achievement Awards theme: **Ahead by a Century**.

In 2019 the **Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation**, sponsor of the Student Achievement Awards in honour of Marion Drysdale, is celebrating its **100th Anniversary!** As we look back over the last 100 years, we want you to reflect on our past and consider our future as human beings. Our world has changed dramatically over the past century. From women and Indigenous persons being given the right to vote, the atom bomb, space travel, same sex marriage, to the invention of computers and the internet, are we really "Ahead by a Century"? Or is the illusion of progress really just keeping us in the past? Perhaps, with our many inventions and innovations, we really have progressed. But the ways we express – or fail to express – our humanity in our dealings with others still has a long way to go before we can truly think of ourselves as advanced.

A student, with the support of an OSSTF/FEESO member who has worked directly with the student, will submit an original piece of writing, visual art or digital media based on this year's theme, "Ahead by a Century." The nine provincial winners will receive a cash award of \$1000 and will be invited to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Annual General Meeting in Toronto to receive their award.

The Student Achievement Awards celebrate the work of OSSTF/FEESO members (teachers and education workers) and their students. Find out which of the nine categories you will enter at <http://www.ossf.on.ca/studentachievementawards>.

Entry Procedures – see the infographic!

1. **Students** – submit an entry, as well as the appropriate entry form, to your sponsoring teacher or education worker in one of the Divisions and Categories listed.
2. **Supporting OSSTF/FEESO member** – support students with their submission and select one entry per category and submit it to your **school/worksite** OSSTF/FEESO staff representative, branch president, or school Student Achievement Awards coordinator.
3. **Sponsoring school** – select one entry per category to submit to your **LOCAL OSSTF/FEESO District office** no later than November 16, 2018.
4. **OSSTF/FEESO District office** – select a local district winner in each category and forward the winning entries to the OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office no later than December 3, 2018.

Once submitted to the Provincial Office, district winners will be judged at a regional level and then provincial level.

Divisions and Categories

Select Division A or B. On the entry form, check one box only in the correct category. Please see specific criteria for each division and category. Adult learners are encouraged to participate at the level at which they are studying.

A. Prose and Poetry Division

There are 6 distinct categories in the Prose and Poetry Division.

- Category 1: Prose and Poetry, English Intermediate, 9-10 Academic
- Category 2: Prose and Poetry, English Intermediate, 9-10 Applied/Essential
- Category 3: Prose and Poetry, English Senior, 11-12 University
- Category 4: Prose and Poetry, English Senior, 11-12 College/Workplace
- Category 5: Prose and Poetry, French, Intermediate 9-10
- Category 6: Prose and Poetry, French, Senior 11-12

Prose and Poetry Division Submission Guidelines

Please note that prose and poetry compete against each other in the judging. All entries must be reflective of this year's theme. To be eligible for judging, entries must:

Guidelines	✓ Completed
Be word-processed.	
Have a length of 750 words or less.	
Include an original title on the entry form, not just the name of the contest.	
Include a detailed written or recorded description of the role of the OSSTF/FEESO sponsoring staff member (teacher or education worker) played in the development of your entry (to be completed by either the student or the staff member – max 125 words).	
Ensure that you have read the guidelines; your entry form will be DISQUALIFIED if not complete and attached to your submission.	
E-mail entries are not accepted.	

Each school may submit only one entry per category for a total of six entries in the Prose and Poetry Division.

B. Visual and Media Division

There are three distinct categories in the Visual and Media Division. Submissions can either be French or English for all categories in the visual and media division.

- Category 1: Visual, Intermediate, 9-10
- Category 2: Visual, Senior, 11-12
- Category 3: Media, French or English, 9-12

Visual entries may include painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, digital illustration, mixed media, sculpture, assemblage, installation, etc.

Media includes animation, original music, slam poetry and spoken word, podcast and video submissions.

Visual Division Submission Guidelines

To be eligible for judging, entries must:

Guidelines	✓ Completed
Include a detailed written or recorded description of how your art relates to the theme. (Max 250 words or 2 minute video or audio recording)	
Include a detailed written or recorded description of the role of the OSSTF/FEESO sponsoring staff member (teacher or education worker) played in the development of your entry (to be completed by either the student or the staff member – max 125 words or 2 minute video/audio recording).	
Photographs and works on paper should be properly matted and/or backed by cardboard/foam core.	
Include an original title on the entry form – not just the name of the contest!	
Heavy pencil, charcoal, pastel or other material that may smear should be treated with an art fixative prior to submission. Such pieces should also have a protective overlay.	
When submitting any entry, proper packaging must be used to protect the artwork. Do not ship large, heavy, fragile, or three-dimensional sculptures that may easily be damaged. Do not submit work framed with glass.	
Do not submit two-dimensional work that is larger than 32" x 32" (81 cm x 81 cm) or three-dimensional work larger than 18" x 18" x 18" (45 cm x 45 cm x 45 cm). These size limits will be strictly enforced.	
Ensure that you have read the guidelines. Your entry form will be DISQUALIFIED if not complete and attached to your submission.	
E-mail entries are not accepted.	

Media Division Submission Guidelines

To be eligible for judging, entries must:

Guidelines	✓ Completed
Include a detailed written or recorded description of how your art relates to the theme. (Max 250 words or 2 minute video or audio recording)	
Include a detailed written or recorded description of the role of the OSSTF/FEESO sponsoring staff member (teacher or education worker) played in the development of your entry (to be completed by either the student or the staff member – max 125 words or 2 minute video/audio recording).	
An indication of the computer software required to view completed work. We would prefer your video/audio to be uploaded to YOUTUBE .	

Video length should be no more than 5 minutes . Music should be no more than 3 minutes .	
Include an original title on the entry form – not just the name of the contest!	
Sourced/Copyrighted material must be credited . Do not use copyrighted material without permission . Free music is available at freemusicarchive.org , bensound.com/royalty-free-music/2 or freeplaymusic.com	
If an original song, please indicate whether you wrote the song, if you were accompanied or you played the music.	
Ensure that you have read the guidelines. Your entry form will be DISQUALIFIED if not complete and attached to your submission.	

Each school may submit only one entry per category for a maximum of three entries in the Visual and Media Division.

OSSTF/FEESO reserves the right to use prose and poetry entries or portions thereof or to use photos or excerpts from visual and media entries in future Federation publications. Entries will be returned to local District offices following OSSTF/FEESO's Annual Meeting in March 2019.

If you have any further questions, please call Tracey Marshall, Executive Assistant at (416) 751-8300 or 1 (800) 267-7867, or contact her by email at Tracey.Marshall@osstf.ca.

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