

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation
Presents the 4th Annual
Civil Liberties Opinion-Editorial Award

Background

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation ([UCCLF.ca](http://ucclf.ca)) focuses on researching and educating the public on civil liberties themes. In 2008, the Foundation established the Civil Liberties Opinion-Editorial Award to coincide with the 75th anniversary of one of the 20th century's greatest violations of civil liberties – the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine known as the *Holodomor*. Meanwhile, the year 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of the commencement of Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920, during which thousands of Ukrainian Canadians were labeled "enemy aliens" and were interned throughout the country. Finally, the 21st century has seen an alarming increase in the activity of the human trafficking industry, with hundreds of thousands around the world falling victim to this form of modern-day slavery every year. The Foundation offers an annual award to commemorate the many victims of both events. In so doing, the Foundation seeks to engage high school and post-secondary (university, college, *etc.*) students in researching, writing and submitting opinion-editorials to newspapers.

Value

\$1000.00 (In the event the opinion-editorial of **more than one** student is published in a major Canadian newspaper, the top two submissions, adjudged according to quality of content, will be eligible for a prize of \$1000.00 and \$500.00, respectively.)

Conditions

The award is open to **all currently-enrolled** high school and post-secondary students. The award will be presented for an English- or French-language opinion-editorial focusing on a civil liberties theme. The award is restricted to op-ed publication (print or online edition) in the following newspapers, and no others:

- Calgary Herald
- Calgary Sun
- Edmonton Journal
- Edmonton Sun
- Globe and Mail
- Halifax Chronicle-Herald
- Kingston Whig-Standard
- Le Devoir
- Montreal Gazette
- National Post
- Ottawa Citizen
- Ottawa Sun
- Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph
- Regina Leader-Post
- Saskatoon StarPhoenix
- Toronto Star
- Toronto Sun
- Vancouver Province
- Vancouver Sun
- Victoria Times Colonist
- Winnipeg Free Press
- Winnipeg Sun

There is no limit as to the number of submissions students make, nor does it matter to how many newspapers. However, the Foundation will grant a **maximum of one award per student-author**.

Submissions and awarding

It is up to the students to correctly submit their opinion-editorial to the newspaper(s) of their choice. Most newspapers require contact information (address, daytime phone number, *etc.*) in addition to one's name.

In the event that a student's opinion-editorial appears in print or online in one or more major newspapers, **the student shall be responsible** for notifying the Foundation of this publishing. As such, the student **must** provide a hard or electronic copy of the print edition opinion-editorial or an electronic copy of the online edition opinion-editorial **within five (5) days of publication**. In addition to the published piece, students must provide a completed application form (included below).

The mailing address for submitting a hard copy of the print edition opinion-editorial is as follows:

Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation Award
48 Wood Crest Close SW
Calgary, Alberta T2W 3P9

Students may submit electronic copies of the print or online edition of the opinion-editorial, as well as their application form, to the Foundation either by **emailing** these items (scholarships@ucclf.ca) or by submitting these items via the **website** ([UCCLF.ca](http://ucclf.ca)).

The name of the award recipient(s) will be made public. The Foundation reserves the right to publish the winning opinion-editorial(s) in Ukrainian Canadian newspapers (e.g., Ukrainian News) and / or other media (e.g., our website).

Submissions must appear in a given major Canadian newspaper no later than **October 31, 2011**.

Sample Topics

Students must write their opinion-editorial focusing on a civil liberties theme. The following are potential topics for students to consider, though students do **not** have to limit themselves to these topics. Students may likewise contact us by email (scholarships@ucclf.ca) for more topic suggestions.

- Why do Canada's first national internment operations not figure prominently into Canadians' knowledge of their nation's history? What might be done to promote greater awareness of this episode of Canadian history?
- *New York Times* columnist Walter Duranty repeatedly denied the existence of a Ukrainian famine in his 1933 articles. Is false reporting grounds for revocation of his Pulitzer Prize for journalism?
- What should the Canadian government do in an effort to combat the ever-growing worldwide human trafficking industry and curb the increase in victims of forced labour, exploitation and other incidences of human trafficking?

More information

For more information, please contact us by email at scholarships@ucclf.ca. Please be sure to also visit our website (UCCLF.ca), our Facebook page and our Twitter page (twitter.com/ucclf) for more information and updates concerning the award.

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation First Canadian National Internment Opinion-Editorial Award

Name _____

Home Address _____

Telephone (Day) (_____) _____ - _____ (Evening) (_____) _____ - _____

Email address _____

Educational background _____

Academic level Grade _____ OR Year _____ of post-secondary studies

How did you learn about the award? _____

Applicant's Signature

Date