

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation
introduces

The Civil Liberties Opinion-Editorial Award

Background

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation focuses on researching and educating the Canadian public on civil liberties themes. In 1933, then-Soviet leader Joseph Stalin implemented farm collectivisation policies that resulted in the Famine-Genocide throughout Ukraine – the *Holodomor*. With 2008 marking the 75th anniversary of one of the 20th century’s greatest violations of civil liberties, the Foundation has established an award to commemorate and preserve the memory of its many victims. 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

The value of the award is subject to change if the opinion-editorial of more than one student is published in a major Canadian newspaper.

Conditions

The award is open to **all currently-enrolled** high school and post-secondary students who are residents of any province or territory in Canada. The award will be presented for an English- or French-language opinion-editorial based on a Holodomor theme. The award is restricted to op-ed publication (print **or** online edition) in the following newspapers and no others:

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

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**.

Suggested Topics

Students must write their opinion-editorial based on a Holodomor theme. The following are potential topics for students to consider in order to narrow down their research within this vast topic area. Students do **not** have to stick to these topics.

- Should the United Nations follow declarations made by various heads of state, governments, and parliaments (such as Canada’s) and proclaim the Holodomor a deliberate act of genocide?
- In light of the Ukrainian Parliament’s declaration that outlaws Holodomor denial, should genocide denial be considered a hate crime or is outlawing genocide denial an infringement of freedom of speech?
- *New York Times* columnist Walter Duranty repeatedly denied the existence of a Ukrainian famine in his 1933 articles. Is this false reporting grounds for revocation of his Pulitzer Prize for journalism?

Submissions and Awarding

It is up to the student 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 appear 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 days of publication**. In addition to the published piece, students must provide a completed application form (included below).

The mailing address for hard copy is as follows:

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

The email address for either hard copy or electronic copy is as follows:

UCCLF@hotmail.com

The name of the award recipient will be made public. The Foundation reserves the right to publish the winning opinion-editorial(s) in major Ukrainian Canadian newspapers (e.g., Ukrainian News).

Application deadline

Submissions must appear in a given major Canadian newspaper no later than **October 1, 2008**.

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation High School Civil Liberties Award

Name _____

Home Address _____

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

Email address _____

Educational background _____

Academic Level Grade _____

OR

Year _____ of post-secondary studies

Applicant's Signature

Date