

Thanks to a generous bequest from the late Mike Brede, the Ontario Genealogical Society is pleased to announce

The Mike Brede Essay Prize \$500

The prize is available to any full-time student in a university or community college who is either a resident of Ontario or attending an Ontario university or community college. The prize will be awarded annually.

Applicants will write an essay that meets the following:

1. The topic will be from within family history, with the history of a family as a theme or example.
2. At least three generations of that family will be discussed. Because of privacy laws, we do not advise you to discuss any living person.
3. That family has some connection with Ontario.
4. The essay length will be between 1 000 and 5 000 words.
5. The analysis used and the conclusions reached will be to genealogical standards.
6. The essay name and the author's name and contact information will be on a separate sheet or file. No reference to the author may appear on the essay itself.
7. A photocopy of the author's student card will be included.

Applicants are encouraged to seek a topic from within the widest meaning of family history, provided the above requirements are met.

Good references to genealogical standards are:

Merriman, Brenda Dougall – About Genealogical Standards of Evidence – OGS (2008)
Mills, Elizabeth Shown – Evidence: Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian – Genealogical Publishing Co (1997)

The winner will receive a prize of \$500 and the essay will be published in *Families*, the OGS quarterly journal. Runner-up essays may also be published in *Families*, at the discretion of the editor. By submitting to this competition, authors give OGS permission to publish their paper.

If your paper is accepted for publication, you may, in co-operation with a member of the editorial board, be asked to make some modifications to fit the style of *Families*. If you submitted in pdf, you will be asked for a copy in Word or WordPerfect.

OGS reserves the right not to award a prize in any year.

Essays will be submitted by 5 pm on the last working day in February. If on paper, mail to: Mike Brede Prize, OGS, 102 - 40 Orchard View Blvd, Toronto, M4R 1B9. If electronic, submit in Word, WordPerfect, or (preferred) pdf format to <provoffice@ogs.on.ca> with "Mike Brede Prize" as the subject line.

The winner will be announced at the OGS Annual Conference in May.