

The Mike Brede Genealogical Essay - \$500 Prize

Submissions may be received from 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.

Applicants will write an essay that meets the following criteria:

1. The topic will be from within family history -- 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, no living person should be discussed.
3. The 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. (See suggested sources below.)
6. The essay title 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 scan of the author's student card must 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. There may be runners-up who will receive a one-year Student Membership in OGS and may have their papers published in *Families*. 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 must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 1st or the following business day should that date fall on a weekend. E-mail entries to:

awards@ogs.on.ca with “Mike Brede Essay” in the subject line.

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