



James Bartleman

Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award

The Honourable James K. Bartleman served as Ontario's 27th Lieutenant Governor from 2002 to 2007. As a member of the Mnjikaning First Nation he was the first Aboriginal Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Mr. Bartleman is an avid reader and author of four best-selling books.

During his term in office he founded and implemented four Aboriginal Youth Literacy Initiatives:

1. Collected 2.3 million books to set up libraries in First Nation communities across the north.
2. Linked nearly 150 Aboriginal schools with non-Aboriginal schools across Ontario and Nunavut through the School Twinning Program.
3. Established a five-year long Summer Reading Camps Program in 28 fly-in First Nations communities.
4. Established the 'Club Amick' Program which provides books and newsletters four times a year to 5,000 children in Ontario's north.

The *James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award* has been set up as a legacy to Mr. Bartleman's far reaching vision and efforts. The program provides Aboriginal youth with an opportunity to showcase their writing abilities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To commemorate the Honourable James K. Bartleman's term as Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, the Government of Ontario has created the **James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award**.

Each year, the program will recognize up to six (6) Aboriginal students for their creative writing talent. Creative pieces may include, but are not limited to short stories, poems, essays, plays, or songs and **must be original work** created by the student.

The award will have three (3) categories: fly-in community, on-reserve and off-reserve. For each category, there will be an 'up to 12 years of age' and '13 to 18 years of age' recipient.

Each recipient will receive a certificate and a cash award of \$2,500.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or under.
- Submit an original creative writing piece that has not in any part been copied from any source.
- Self identify as being Aboriginal.
- Be a student enrolled in a school in Ontario.
- Be a permanent resident of Ontario.

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WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

An independent selection committee will review the submissions and select the award recipients.

WHEN ARE THE AWARDS PRESENTED?

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in the Legislative Building in Toronto. Award recipients will be notified by telephone before the awards ceremony. All other candidates will be notified of the outcome by mail.

The awards ceremony will be attended by members of the media and a news release announcing the recipients will be made available to the public.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Nomination forms may be submitted at any time. The deadline is **May 31** of each year. All nominations received after this date will be considered for the following year.

EACH SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- The completed submission form.
- Your **original** creative writing piece – this may be a short story, poem, essay, play, or song.
- A brief description about your creative writing piece, which may include what inspired you and what it means to you.

PLEASE NOTE: all materials must be submitted unbound (no staples), single sided and in 8.5" x 11" (letter size) format. **Fax copies will not be accepted.**

Send completed submission forms and materials to:

Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat
Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2R9

For more information, contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416 314-7526 or visit www.ontario.ca/bartleman



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Submission Form

Please print clearly and complete in full

Personal Information (to be completed by student)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(yyyy/mm/dd)

Permanent Address

Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____
(if available) (if available)

I live in: Fly-in community On-reserve Off-reserve

Alternate Address

Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____
(if available) (if available)

School Information (to be completed by a school representative)

School Name _____

School Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

I verify that _____ is a student at _____
(student's name) (school name)

Name of school representative _____

Position _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____
(if available)

Signature of school representative _____ Date _____

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In accordance with subsection 39(2) of the Ontario *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.31, this is to advise you that the personal information collected on this form will be used only for the proper administration of the James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award. This includes determining the candidate's eligibility and providing information to selection committee members for review and recommendation. Personal information may also be used for the purpose of announcing award recipients and for publicizing the James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award. The personal information on this form is collected in accordance with the *Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.18. For further information, please contact the Manager at the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, 400 University Avenue, 4th Floor, Toronto ON M7A 2R9 or by telephone at 416 314-6608.

I have read the "Who is Eligible" criteria and confirm that I (my child) meet(s) those requirements.

I understand that should I (my child) be selected as a recipient, I (my child) will be asked to provide written consent to permit the disclosure of my (my child's) name, age, community, creative writing submission and photograph (to be taken at the presentation ceremony) on Ministry publications announcing the award recipients, including the Ministry website and news releases, without any compensation.

a) For students **under 18 years of age**: signature of parent (or legal guardian)

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian*

Date

b) For students who have reached **18 years of age**: signature of student

Signature of Student

Date

**persons having lawful custody of the student*

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