

BCTF ADULT EDUCATION WRITING CONTEST

Share your story!



Contest goal
to express
the impact on
students of
cuts to adult
education

Prizes:

- Grand prize: ***\$550 cash***
(This amount represents the cost of one adult education course for a graduated adult).
- Two runner-up prizes: ***\$275 each.***
- Selected entries will also be eligible for publication.

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\$550 cash**



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Contest submission deadline: ~~April 1, 2017~~

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 28, 2017!

First, some facts about cuts to adult education:

- in 2015 \$15.9 million was cut from adult education
- now, graduated adults must pay \$550 per course
- immigrants/refugees are disadvantaged:
their education credentials are not recognized, and they must pay for upgrading
- split classes are increasing and course offerings are disappearing
- most new jobs in BC require post-secondary education
- adult education is a pathway out of poverty.

Topics (You may focus on one topic or touch on several):

How has adult education changed your life?

What are the challenges to achieving your education goals?

How does having to pay tuition to upgrade affect your life?

How is adult education helping you achieve your dreams?

Types of submissions:

- Written entry: max 500 words (e.g. personal stories, poem or song, speech, letter to the editor, etc.).
- Audio or Video/Film: 1–3 minutes (e.g. skit, interview, speech, etc.) must be uploaded to YouTube.
- Artistic submission: length 1–3 pages (e.g. comic, cartoon strip, graphic novel style, animation, image(s), photo(s)). Any artistic submission that does not include text or dialogue should include a 100-word written submission.

Contest Guidelines:

1. Entrants must be 18 or over (recent or current student of Continuing Education).
2. Entries will be accepted until **Friday, April 28, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**
3. Submissions must be entrant's own original work.
4. Save your writing in a single Microsoft Word or PDF document with your last name as the file name. Put in email subject line "BCTF Adult Ed Writing Contest."
5. YouTube submissions: cut and paste the YouTube link into the body of an email. Put in email subject line "BCTF Adult Ed Writing Contest."
6. Submit your entry along with the information given below to agurat@bctf.ca.

Include the following information in the body of your email submission:

Student name: _____ School name: _____

A teacher contact name: _____

Student email: _____ Student home phone number: _____

Student grade level/course: _____

**By submitting this entry, you have agreed to the conditions of this contest above.
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