

Speak Up for Fairness! Contest

1. The Office of the Ombudsman of British Columbia (Ombudsman's office) is conducting a Speak up for Fairness! contest for students in Grades 11 and 12 in British Columbia schools.
2. Group submissions are welcome, however only one prize will be awarded per submission. All participants must sign a separate entry form, which must accompany the submission. By signing the entry form, all participants agree to be bound by these rules.
3. By making a submission, all participants agree to have their entry made public. The Ombudsman will announce the names of the winners, as well as their grade, the name of their school and their hometown.
4. Participants should keep a copy of their entry, as submissions will not be returned. The Ombudsman's office will not be responsible for entries that are lost, stolen, delayed or misdirected before arriving at the Ombudsman's office.
5. The format of entries must be as follows:
 - a. Essays must be a maximum of 1,500 words. They must be submitted as a Word document.
 - b. If you wish to e-mail your entry, it must be under 7 MB in size. Any entries larger than this size, including videos, must be submitted on a CD or DVD. Video entries must be in one of the following file types:
 - .avi
 - .mov
 - .mpeg or .mpg
 - .rm
 - c. Artwork must be submitted in one of the following file types:
 - .png
 - .tif or .tiff
6. Entries that contain or represent material that is racist, sexist or otherwise offensive will be disqualified.
7. Using information without giving credit to the source of that information is plagiarizing. Any plagiarized entries will be disqualified.
8. Only one entry per person or group is allowed.



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Contest Rules

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9. **Deadline:** The deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2010. Entries received after the deadline will not be eligible.
10. Entries will be judged by a panel of three judges. The winning entries will be determined based on a combination of relevance, accuracy, creativity and communication of ideas. The decision of the judges is final.
11. There are 4 prizes:

Prizes for essays
The 1st place entry in this category will be awarded \$350. The 2nd place entry will be awarded \$150.

Prizes for videos or works of art
The 1st place entry in this category will receive \$350. The 2nd place entry will receive \$150.
12. Winners will be contacted as soon as possible after the judges have made their decision and prior to any public announcement of the contest results. The Ombudsman will announce the results on March 15, 2010.
13. Children of employees of the Ombudsman's office or of the judging panel are not eligible to enter the contest.

Where to send entries:

Entries that are under 7 MB in size can be e-mailed to contest@ombudsman.bc.ca

Entries over 7 MB in size can be sent:

By Mail

Speak Up for Fairness! Contest
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 9039 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9A5

or

By Fax

Speak Up for Fairness! Contest
Office of the Ombudsman
250-387-0198