



SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT **AWARDS**

SUSAN E. BENNETTO AWARDS, AND THE HAMILTON HISTORY STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

These two City of Hamilton awards recognize Grade 11 and 12 students who have demonstrated interest and achievement in the area of history and heritage in both school and community throughout the calendar year.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

The **Susan E. Bennetto Awards**, named in honour of a Hamilton educator who served our community as a teacher and principal for fifty years, are given to all nominated Hamilton secondary school students who meet the required criteria. It consists of a certificate and city pass to Hamilton's museums. There is no limit to the number of nominations but only two students per school will be chosen for this award. Nominations may be kept and considered for the following year. All nominations for this award are automatically considered for the Hamilton History Student of the Year Awards.

The Hamilton History Student of the Year Award is given to one city-wide candidate chosen from among the Bennetto Award nominations. There is no separate application for this award. The winner receives a monetary donation of \$200 and a chance at a summer Heritage Internship with the City's Museums and Heritage Presentation Section, as well as the Bennetto Award prizes. Additional notable Bennetto award winners will receive monetary prizes.

The awards are based on the previous calendar year and not the academic year.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applicant must:

- be a resident of The City of Hamilton
- be enrolled in grade 11 or 12 at a Hamilton secondary school during the calendar year.
- have successfully completed one or more history courses in the calendar year as shown by school transcripts. If enrolled in the Fall term the student must provide a copy of the

November mid-term report card. Applicants who completed secondary school in June should indicate graduated instead of grade level.

- include documentation that demonstrates high achievement, interest and participation in heritage/history at both school and community levels (e.g. classroom lessons, history/heritage/civics groups, societies, museums, relevant activities, etc.)
- contact relevant persons to support the application and request school records as required for submission of this application.
- ensure completion of all sections of the application form.

Applicant should also:

- describe personal interests and experiences relating to the above documentation
- include information such as co-op work, volunteer activity, experiences, community involvement etc.
- include letters of support from school and community personnel
- include a personal resume, photos, work samples, etc.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Information regarding the awards will be sent to the Guidance and the History Heads of each Hamilton Secondary School, to all Hamilton Museums and to relevant heritage/historical groups/societies. It will also be available through 2015 on the old Hamilton Historical Board website.

Information regarding these awards should then be made available to all students through whichever procedure is preferred by the school, museum, group or society. Dissemination of award and application information is at the discretion of the receiving site. It could be placed on a student announcement board, shared with other staff, members or students, displayed on a website, included in a newsletter, etc

The application may be initiated by either the institution or the student. However, each section of the fillable application form must be completed by the appropriate person. A copy of the November mid-term report card and an official Ontario Student Transcript showing grade registration for the current calendar year and all history courses taken at any level must be provided. Other support materials (i.e. print material, video, photographs, etc) should be listed on the form and submitted as attachments to the application, or in hard copy.

- Nominations initiated by secondary school staff or a heritage/historical museum, group, society: The appropriate teacher or history head, curator, president or designate may nominate a student who meets the basic requirements. The nominator completes the applicable fillable portions of the form and it is given to the student. The student is then responsible for obtaining the relevant documentation for the remaining sections of the nomination form. The student then submits the application.
- Nominations initiated by the student: Any individual student meeting the requirements may self-nominate and approach a relevant teacher or supervisor who will then complete

the appropriate sections of the form. The student is also responsible for obtaining documentation from museums and/or other heritage/historical groups and completing the remaining section of the form. The student submits the application.

Students leaving secondary school in June of the previous school year may

a) submit their applications at that time and they will be kept by the selection committee for processing the following year

or b) submit applications in the Fall term following Grade 12 completion.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The awards will be presented at a Heritage Week event in February, 2016.

ADJUDICATION OF THE AWARDS

A committee of Heritage Presentation volunteers will review the applications and choose the recipients.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

December 31. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please submit all materials to

SUSAN E. BENNETTO AWARD

C/O HERITAGE PRESENTATION COORDINATOR

CITY OF HAMILTON, TOURISM AND CULTURE DIVISION

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SUSAN E BENNETTO AWARD/HAMILTON HISTORY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

FILLABLE NOMINATION FORM

(In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act, The City of Hamilton is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of your personal information. The information that you provide to us will be used only in the evaluation of the City of Hamilton Susan E. Bennetto and Hamilton History Student of the Year Awards.)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name

Email

Telephone

Home Address

Current Grade Level*

School name

School Contact (principal, vice-principal, history head, teacher or designate)

Contact phone

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF STUDENT

I wish to be considered for the Susan E. Bennetto and Hamilton History Student of the Year Awards. I have completed the application truthfully. I understand that there will be public recognition of all qualifying applicants and award recipients. I understand that this application must be received no later than December 31, of the current calendar year.

SIGNATURE

DATE

REQUIRED STUDENT STATEMENTS

1. Please share details of your involvement, achievement and interest in history/heritage and civics within your school. Comments may be in point form and should include remarks related to the following criteria:
 - participation in history/heritage/civics clubs or groups, celebrations, and events
 - contributions to school newsletter, bulletin boards, displays, yearbook, websites, etc.
 - school awards and recognition in history/heritage/civics

SCHOOL STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS BOTH IN CLASS AND IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. This section must include a listing of all history courses taken in secondary school by appropriate course code.

2. Please share details of your involvement outside of school. Comments may be in point form and should relate to the following criteria:

- personal interests, hobbies, collections, visits to heritage/history places
- membership in community organizations, groups, clubs
- involvement with a museum, heritage or historical event e.g. War of 1812
- volunteer or co-op placement for a Hamilton community history/heritage/civics event e.g. Doors Open, Remembrance Day ceremonies, etc
- involvement with any other local history/heritage/civics cause or group

STUDENT STATEMENT OF OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL INTERESTS AND INVOLVEMENT.

3. **History Happens Here!** It is important to be aware of the history and heritage of one's own area, in this case Hamilton and its many communities. Please comment on the above statement. Do NOT use point form and limit your response to approximately 500 words or less.

REQUIRED SUPPORT STATEMENTS: At least one statement from an educator and/or one from a community representative must be included (where applicable, more than one statement may be included). These may be in point form and indicate the participation, accomplishments and/or contributions of the student. Please clarify the nature and time of the contribution.

SUPPORT STATEMENT FROM AN EDUCATOR

SCHOOL NAME

EDUCATOR NAME

EDUCATOR POSITION

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

DATE

STATEMENT

SUPPORT STATEMENT FROM A COMMUNITY HERITAGE/HISTORICAL MUSEUM,
GROUP, SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

ORGANIZATION:

REPRESENTATIVE NAME

POSITION

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

DATE

STATEMENT

LIST SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED IN HARD COPY IN ADDITION TO THE ONTARIO STUDENT TRANSCRIPT and NOVEMBER MID-TERM REPORT CARD WHICH **MUST** BE PROVIDED (eg. Additional letters of support, CD, print, photographs, newspaper articles, previous awards etc.)

SUPPORT MATERIALS