



NORTH AMERICAN BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE, INC.
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Mac Simpson Award

*At least one financial award of \$1500 provided by
The North American Black Historical Museum & Cultural Centre Inc.*

****Submission deadline is MAY 1, 2011****

PURPOSE

- To honour the memory of Melvin “Mac” Simpson, the founder of *The North American Black Historical Museum & Cultural Centre Inc.* and to recognize his dedication to education and commitment to the community.
- To promote the significant role of *The North American Black Historical Museum & Cultural Centre Inc.* in the community.
- To support and encourage students as they pursue post-secondary studies.

ELIGIBILITY

This award will be given annually to at least one student of African descent who is currently attending a secondary school in the Essex County area and will be commencing post-secondary studies in September, 2011 on a full-time basis. Students are required to provide proof of attendance upon request.

Applicants are required to submit:

- a completed application form (see attached)
- two letters of reference supporting school and community involvement
- transcript of academic record
- proof of post-secondary registration and acceptance (due in September)
- completed essay, poster, or multi-media presentation

SELECTION

Each secondary school in Essex County is encouraged to submit and recommend nominees.

- A selection committee appointed by the Museum’s Board of Directors will review all applications. The successful applicant(s) will receive the award(s).
- This award will be given to any student, only once, and is not renewable.
- The selection committee reserves the right to withhold the award in any given year.
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

PRESENTATION

The successful recipient(s) will be notified by telephone or mail within six weeks of the deadline and will be acknowledged during the annual *Black Butterfly and Black Monarch Graduation Celebration* in June, 2011. The successful recipient(s) will receive the award during the fall semester upon providing proof of attendance.

Melvin "Mac" Simpson Award Application

Please complete the following information based on the current school year.

First Name	Last Name	Age	Date of Birth
Home Address	Postal Code	Home Phone Number	
Email Address	Current School	Date of Graduation	
Post-secondary Institution	Program of Study	Career Interest(s)	

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

In point form, list your extracurricular involvement in school during the past two years. Please indicate activities, awards, recognitions and leadership positions. Please attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient.

In point form, list your community involvement during the past two years. Please attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient.

Select one option and complete the requirements below: (submissions accepted in French or English)

The selection committee will evaluate the submissions on the basis of their potential to have a positive impact on the educational aspirations of African Canadian youth and on the positive development of society in general. Submissions will be judged on the content, clarity, and coherence of the topic as it is expressed throughout the work.

****Essays must include a title page which lists the title of the essay, school of attendance, and the student's contact information including address and telephone number. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, and free of grammatical and syntax errors.**

Option 1: Black History Maker of Tomorrow

- Write an essay containing between 1000 - 1500 words on how and why you plan to make a positive impact on Black history and in the community.

Option 2: Illuminating the Past

- Develop a poster which reflects significant individuals, locations and/or events in African Canadian history. Posters may be in colour or black and white. Any hand-crafted art form (pencil, paint, pastel, charcoal, ink). The poster must be accompanied by a brief description of the significance of each image on the poster.

Option 3: Media Presentation (POWERPOINT, MOVIE MAKER)

- Create a three to five minute video about (a) significant individual(s), location(s) and/or event(s) in African Canadian history. Descriptions must accompany all images used.

Option 4: What does Black history in Canada mean to me?

- Write an essay containing between 1000 - 1500 words describing what Black history in Canada means to you.

**** All submissions become the property of the North American Black Historical Museum.**

Make sure all required items accompany this application:

- Completed application form
- Two letters of reference supporting school and community involvement
- Transcript of your academic record
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**Entries must be submitted by May 1, 2011 to the
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**** Applications accepted by mail, e-mail, and in person. Documents will not be returned to the applicant.
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**