

Mac Simpson Award

2010

*At least two financial prizes of \$500 provided by
The North American Black Historical Museum & Cultural Centre Inc.*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION MAY 14, 2010

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.

ELIGIBILITY

This award will be given annually to at least two students of African descent who are currently attending a secondary school institution in the Essex County area and will be commencing post-secondary studies in 2010.

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
- completed essay, poster, or multi-media presentation

SELECTION

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

**Entries must be submitted by May 14, 2010 to the
NORTH AMERICAN BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE, INC.**

277 King Street, Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada N9V 2C7
519-736-5433 800-713-6336 866-622-4672 (fax) nabhm@mnsi.net

If you have any questions, please contact Kenn Stanton, curator for the museum, at (519) 736-5433.

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 indicating activities, awards, recognition, 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"

- An essay between 1000 – 1500 words on how you plan to make a positive impact on Black History and the Black Community.

Option 2: "ILLUMINATING THE PAST"

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

Option 3: "MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION" (ex, POWERPOINT, MOVIE MAKER)

- 3-5 minute presentation about a significant individual, location, or event in African-Canadian History.

***All submissions become the property of
The North American Black Historical Museum and Cultural Centre.***

Make sure all required items accompany this application:

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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.***