

FOUNDATION TO COMMEMORATE THE CHINESE RAILROAD WORKERS IN CANADA

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

James Pon Memorial Award 2023
Scholarship Opportunity – Short Video Contest
The Foundation to Commemorate the Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada
FCCRWC

1. Short Video Contest

[The Foundation to Commemorate the Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada](#) (hereinafter referred to as the “Foundation”) is a registered charitable organization. The goals of the foundation include promoting the understanding and awareness of the contribution to Canada by the Chinese Railroad Workers who participated in the construction of the first transcontinental railway (the CPR) that united Canada geographically and politically; promoting the awareness of the government's legislation of unjust Immigration Acts against the Chinese pioneers and their families; establishing scholarships; and sponsoring other Canadian charitable organizations to promote Chinese Canadian History.

Each year, during [Asian Heritage Month in May](#) the Foundation will announce its annual James Pon Memorial Award Scholarship opportunity that is intended to promote a deeper understanding of Chinese Canadian history (about the Chinese contribution to the building of the railroad) and offer a cash award to the top three short videos (4 minutes or shorter) received annually for this scholarship contest. For more information, please visit [The Ties That Bind](#) and follow the **Submission Guidelines** described further below.

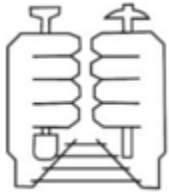
2. Category & Prizes

THREE (3) Prizes will be awarded. There will be ONE (1) winner per category as follows:

- Post Secondary (College or University): \$500.00 Award
- High School: \$300.00 Award
- Grade School: \$200.00 Award

3. Rules to Enter

- a. Between September 1 and December 31, please submit a short video (4 minutes or shorter) about the history of Chinese people in Canada and their contributions to the construction of the railroad and to this country. Applicants are welcome to share how this relates to your family's history and their experience of being in Canada.
- b. Submissions must be sent between September 1 and December 31, by email to fccrwc@gmail.com
- c. All submissions must include
 - i. The completed Application Form.



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- ii. The completed Consent/Release Form of the applicant.
 - iii. The completed Consent/Release Form of any person shown in the video.
 - iv. A link to the video as per the Technical Specifications below.
- d. Only the first 50 submissions in each category will be accepted.
 - e. Only one entry per applicant.
 - f. No submissions will be accepted before September 1 or after December 31.
 - g. Any submissions that do not follow the rules will be excluded from the contest.
 - h. Do not send a film that discloses the personal information and likeness of any individual that you do not have written permission to do so.
 - i. Do not send a film that you are not comfortable allowing us to show in public. Submitting a video means you have read and agree to the James Pon Memorial Award **Submission Guidelines** and agree to abide by the complete terms and conditions of the James Pon Memorial Award **Submission Guidelines**.
 - j. Incomplete applications and incomplete forms will not be accepted.

4. Technical Specifications

- Video must be 4 minutes or shorter to be eligible
- Videos submitted in Chinese must have English subtitles
- If your video is in English, you are welcome to add Chinese subtitles
- Videos should be submitted [via a downloadable WeTransfer link](#) using one of these files: QuickTime (.mov), MPEG4 (.mp4) or .m4v. Resolution: 1920 x 1080 or 1280 x 720 (rate 16:9)
- Videos may also be submitted by uploading them to YouTube and sending us the YouTube link
- Your video must not include any copyrighted music or images (moving or still).

5. Restrictions

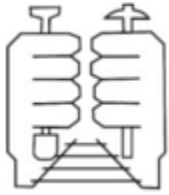
- Videos cannot contain inappropriate material as determined by the Foundation. This includes profanity, dangerous stunts, or any material that is likely to cause offense to any person or to injure the name, reputation, or standing of any person in any way, directly or indirectly

6. Judging

Films will be judged by a committee selected by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Judges will look for:

	Category	Value
1.	Historical completeness and accuracy	15
2.	Demonstrated understanding of the historical treatment of the Chinese community by the Canadian community and the Canadian government	15
3.	Demonstrated understanding of the contribution of the Chinese community to the construction of the railroad in Canada	15
4.	Ability to connect the early Chinese immigrant experience in Canada with the filmmaker's personal views, experiences, or family history	15
5.	Artistic impression	40
	TOTAL	100



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7. Deadline

No submissions will be accepted before September 1 or after December 31. The deadline for submissions is December 31 annually. Winners will be announced on May 1st, and winning videos will be shown during the annual July 1st Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony (held virtually and live) on **July 1, 2024 @ 10:30 am**

8. Eligibility

At the time of submission, entrants for this scholarship must be currently enrolled in a Canadian grade school, high school, or a post-secondary education program (college or university) for September.

9. Promotion

By entering this contest entrants agree to have their short film posted on our Foundation website or other online or print media for the purpose of historical education. Winners and honourable mentions will be announced at our annual commemorative wreath-laying ceremony at the Chinese Railroad Workers Monument, in Toronto on Canada Day July 1st and/or other public events hosted by the Foundation.

10. Consent

Any entrant who is under 18 years old must have the application and consent forms submitted by their parent or legal guardian to

1. Enter the Contest.
2. Submit their personal information in connection with the Contest.
3. Have themselves shown in the video (if applicable).

Anyone appearing in the submitted video must sign a release form to be filmed and anyone appearing in the submitted video under 18 years old must obtain the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

11. Important Links

The Ties That Bind (FCCRWC) Website: <http://www.mhso.ca/tiesthatbind/>

FCCRWC Email: fccrwc@gmail.com

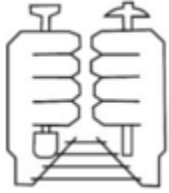
WeTransfer Link: <https://wetransfer.com/>

Announcement of Winners (**July 1, 2024 @ 10:30am**)

12. Resources

For more information about the Foundation and the history of Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada please visit our website and The Ties That Bind project:

<http://www.mhso.ca/tiesthatbind/>



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13. REMINDER: Please Remember to Submit

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