

James Pon Memorial Award - Scholarship Opportunity 2017 Foundation to Commemorate Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada

The Foundation to Commemorate the Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada (FCCRWC) 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.

The Foundation would like to encourage a deeper understanding of Chinese Canadian history by offering a cash award to the top three essays received annually for this scholarship contest.

To Enter

Please submit an essay (1000-1500 words) about the history of Chinese people in Canada and their contributions to the construction of the railroad and to this country; and how this relates to your family's history and experience of being in Canada.

Submission should be sent as an attachment in Microsoft Word or PDF format by email to fccrwc@gmail.com. Please complete and submit the submission cover page with your entry.

Prizes

Three (3) Prizes will be awarded:

1st Prize: \$500

2nd Prize: \$300

3rd Prize: \$200

Judging

Essays will be judged by a committee selected by the FCCRWC Board of Directors. Judges will be looking for:

- Historical completeness and accuracy;
- Demonstrated understanding of the contribution of the Chinese community to the construction of the railroad in Canada;
- Demonstrated understanding of the historical treatment of the Chinese community by the Canadian community and Canadian government; and
- Ability to connect the early Chinese immigrant experience in Canada with the author's personal experience or family history.

Deadline

The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2017. Winners will be contacted in summer 2017.

Eligibility

Entrants for this scholarship must be enrolled in a post secondary education program (college or university) in Canada for September 2017.

Promotion

By entering this contest entrants agree to having their essay posted on our website or other online or print media for the purpose of historical education. Winners may be announced at our annual wreath laying ceremony at the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial in Toronto on Canada Day or other public event. Excerpts from the best essays may be read at these events.

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/>