



Lieutenant Governor of Alberta's SPIRIT of Victory - Contest Information and Guidelines

The SPIRIT of Victory is an initiative of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta through the History and Heroes Foundation. This contest celebrates the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, also known as Victory in Europe or V-E Day. Students from across Alberta in Grades 10-12 are invited to develop and deliver a speech that honours this important moment in our history.

The goal of this contest is to build an awareness of, and appreciation for, people's experiences in the Second World War and what it means to Albertans today. It will help teach students to understand the freedoms they are so fortunate to have in this country are the debt owed to the brave Canadian heroes who fought for them.

Contest Guidelines

- Write an original speech exploring what Victory in Europe meant for Albertans of the era and/or for people today. This may include: sharing the story of a hometown hero or an Alberta Regiment that fought in the liberation of Europe; exploring what achieving Victory in Europe meant for Albertans and Canadians of the day; discussing why we continue to celebrate V-E Day today; and considering the meaning of V-E Day for future generations of Albertans and Canadians.
- Entries should reference the "SPIRIT" traits of: Sportsmanship, Perseverance, Integrity, Resiliency, Inspiration and Teamwork. This could be in terms of the actions of individuals or the war effort as a whole.
- Speeches must be original work and must be no longer than 5-minutes in total delivery/oration time. Consideration will be given to speeches that limit quoted material.
- Submissions must be in the form of a video of the writer delivering their speech. Consideration will be given to presentations that rely on a minimum of "reading" the prepared text.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to make use of local resources, such as museums and libraries, and to engage with community historians.
- Submissions may be made in either of Canada's official languages.
- Entries can be submitted online at www.historyandheroes.ca/spirit-of-victory. Submissions must be received by Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

Prizes

- Three prizes will be awarded: first prize - \$1,000; second prize - \$500; third prize - \$250.
- The first prize winner will have the opportunity to present their speech live, in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor at a special V-E Day celebration to be held at the Military Museums in Calgary on May 8, 2020. Winners will be chosen in advance by a panel of judges.
- Everyone who submits an entry to the SPIRIT of Victory contest will receive a letter of appreciation from the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.
- The judging panel will include representatives with expertise in history, the military and debate/public speaking.