**The Sir Charles GD Roberts Medal of Literary Excellence**

The Sir Charles G.D. Roberts Medal of Literary Excellence celebrates outstanding accomplishments in prose. It recognizes a commitment to the skillful crafting of writing. The competition is open to Grade 12 students in their graduating year. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Prize: $500 cash prize

$2000 Scholarship from UNB (if attending in 2020-21)

$1000 Tuition Rebate from STU (if attending in 2020-21)

Second Prize: $350 cash prize

Third Prize: $150 cash prize

Texts submitted for consideration must incorporate the guidelines for Transactional Writing with a Research Focus as outlined in the *Grade 12 Writing Achievement Standards*. Eligible pieces will fall into one of the text forms outlined in this category:

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| **Text Form** | **Purpose** | **Framework** | **Features** |
| **Explanatory** | To explain how or why something came to be or how something works | * Introduction identifies topic with a statement, question, or definition * Analysis of the process of how or why demonstrates the relationship between the parts and reveals cause-and-effect connections * Conclusion states unusual features of the phenomenon and/or reiterates the main points | * May include figures and tables to enhance written text * Literary devices to clarify ideas * Technical, subject-specific vocabulary |
| **Literary Essay** | To present the writer’s interpretation or analysis of a text | * Introduction states a thesis and establishes its subject * Analysis directly supports the thesis * Conclusion reinforces the thesis | * Third-person voice * Formal tone * Quotations as proof or evidence |

Submissions will be scored by a panel of judges using the *Grade 12 Writing Achievement Standards.*

**For more information about the specific text forms within these categories, please see the *Grade 12 Writing Achievement Standards*:**

<https://collabe.nbed.nb.ca/sites/asdw/literacy/High%20School%20Resources/Provincial%20Writing%20Standards/Provincial%20Writing%20Standards%20Gr.%2012.pdf>

Schools are asked to select and submit **one essay** to be considered at the District level (schools with populations of more than 1000 students 9-12 may submit **two essays**).

Winners will be announced to the schools prior to graduation.

**Submissions should exhibit the following characteristics:**

* 1400-2000 words (12-point font, double-spaced) or four to six pages (as outlined by the *Grade 12 Writing Achievement Standards*)
* APA or MLA formatting (including citations)
* minimum of five outside sources, at least three found by students through a research search engine (as outlined by the *Grade 12 Writing Achievement Standards*)
* original and insightful approach to the subject
* deep understanding of the relationships among language, topic, purpose, context, and audience
* evidence of effective and sophisticated use of the traits of writing (as outlined by the *Grade 12 Writing Achievement Standards*)

**Also please note:**

* You may only enter one piece of writing.
* Submissions must be written in English.
* An electronic copy of your essay is required.
* Entry forms must be completed and attached.
* The word count (not including Works Cited) must be included with your submission.
* Do not include your school name and other personal information on your piece of writing.
* All writing and all rights to their publication become the property of Anglophone West School District.

You can access related documents and winning essays from previous years here:

<https://collabe.nbed.nb.ca/sites/asdw/literacy/High%20School%20Resources/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Once the school has identified the essay that will be considered at the District level. Please forward the essay and completed entry form to [jill.davidson@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jill.davidson@nbed.nb.ca) no later than **June 1, 2020.**

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