REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS: STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

Theme: Refugees and Human Rights
Entry: Grades 4-12 across Canada

ELIGIBILITY

• Poems must be written either in English or French
• Each participant may only enter one original poem, 24 lines or fewer, in any style, on the subject of "Refugees and Human Rights".

PRIZES

• Each grade and language category will be awarded a first, second and third prize.
• Grade categories: Grades 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12

Contest period: Monday, March 2nd – Thursday, April 2nd, 2015

For further details, contact:
Public Information Unit
UNHCR Canada
613-232-0909 ext.225

Entry forms available at www.unhcr.ca or www.unesco.ca | Contest deadline: Thursday, April 2nd, 2015

“Poetry reaffirms our common humanity by revealing to us that individuals, everywhere in the world, share the same questions and feelings.” UNESCO
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Prize List

First Prize

16 GB iPad Mini
World Heritage Sites: A Complete Guide to 936 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (Book)
UNESCO Publishing
“In 1959, UNESCO launched an international campaign to safeguard the world’s most important cultural, natural and mixed sites, which led to the first World Heritage List. In clear text and photographs describing each site, this updated and revised edition of World Heritage Sites details all 936 sites on the list, including the 25 added in 2011.”

And

Urbanears Plattan Headphones
“Plattan is the perfect classic on-ear headphone, featuring a rich and secluded sound. Fold Plattan down to the size of your fist for maximum mobility, or enjoy your music with a friend through the ZoundPlug.”
Third Prize (Package)

Michelin World Map
40” x 57” Paper

And

$50 Dollar Gift Certificate to Chapters
Available to be spent in store or online at chapters.indigo.ca
STUDENT POETRY CONTEST ON “REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS”

The Representation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Canada (UNHCR), in partnership with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCUNESCO), is organizing a poetry contest on “Refugees and Human Rights” to mark both the World Poetry Day (March 21st) and the World Refugee Day (20 June).

The poetry contest is open from March 2nd to April 2nd, 2015. Any poems received after April 2nd, 2015 will not be eligible for consideration.

1. **Eligibility:** This contest is open to all aspiring young poets who are students in Grades 4 to 12 and attending schools all across Canada. Poems can be written in English or French with a maximum of 24 lines. Each participant may only enter one original poem, in any style, on the subject of “Refugees and Human Rights”. Family members of UNHCR Canada and Canadian Commission for UNESCO staff are not eligible to enter the contest.

2. **Prizes:** Each Grade category in English and French will be awarded a first, second and third prize. First prize is a 16 GB iPad Mini; Second prize is a two-part package that includes the book “World Heritage Sites: A Complete Guide to 936 UNESCO World Heritage Sites” and a pair of Urbanears headphones; and the Third prize is a Michelin World Map and a Chapters Indigo $50 gift card. Categories are defined as follows:

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3. **Decisions:** The judging panel will be comprised of members of the UNHCR Ottawa Office, a representative from the CCUNESCO, and members of the community. Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, creativity, characterization, artistic quality, adherence to the topic, and rules established for the contest. All decisions of the judges are final.

4. **Fees:** There are no entry fees, no subsidy payments, and no purchases of any kind required to enter and win the contest.

5. **Rights:** All poems remain the property of the artist. By submitting a poem for this contest, the artist grants permission to UNHCR Canada and to the CCUNESCO to publish the poem, profile contest participants, and use submitted materials in any manner related to refugee and human rights promotion, including for World Refugee Day. UNHCR Canada and the CCUNESCO are under no obligation to publish any contest entries.

6. **Notification:** All prize winners will be notified by telephone. Winners names and poems will be posted on www.unhcr.ca and www.unesco.ca

7. **Deadline:** deadline for contest entries is Thursday, April 2nd, 2015. Entries can be submitted in the following ways:

   a. Email at poesie@unhcr.org
8. **For more information:**
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