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## Young Citizens 2017 Information for Teachers, Parents and Coordinators

### About Young Citizens

The Young Citizens program focuses on citizenship and is a complementary component to Heritage Fairs, an annual event where students present the results of their research on Canadian heroes, legends and key events in Canadian history. Participants in the Young Citizens program make a short video about their heritage fair topic, much like an evening news report or short documentary. The student videos are posted online and Canadians are invited to view and vote for their favourites. The result of the popular vote will decide 50% of the student representatives. A panel of judges will also review videos and select the remaining students. These 26 students will win a trip to Ottawa to premiere their film at the Canada's History Forum.

### Choosing the Participants

Each province and territory has been allocated a certain number of spaces, based on their interest and past participation in the Young Citizens program. The regional or provincial heritage fairs are responsible for identifying and selecting the participating students.

### Participants Must

- be in grades 4-9 (or aged 10 to 16 years old).
- be participating in the Heritage Fairs program.
- complete their Heritage Fair project on a theme or topic relating to the history of Canada.
- work independently – team projects cannot participate in the program.
- have access to a video camera and computer.
- create a 3-4 minute video about their heritage fair topic .
- meet the deadlines for the project as established by Canada's History and their regional heritage fair.
- produce their video in one of the two official languages. Productions in other languages will be considered still eligible as long as there is subtitling in one of the two official languages.

### Participants Should

- have good communication and presentation skills.
- be enthusiastic and passionate about their topic .
- have a teacher or mentor who will help them complete this project.
- have the maturity to be able to travel to Ottawa with a chaperone chosen by Canada's History, should they become a finalist.



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Once chosen, participants should be given the student package prepared by Canada's History, which includes:

- Young Citizens Student Registration
- Student Permission and Media Release Form
- Participant Guidelines
- A copy of the evaluation criteria
- A copy of the Interview Release Form

Heritage fair coordinators are responsible for ensuring the following documents are sent to Canada's History. Forms can be scanned and sent via email to [YoungCitizens@CanadasHistory.ca](mailto:YoungCitizens@CanadasHistory.ca) or if necessary faxed to 204-988-9309.

- Young Citizens Student Registration
- Student Permission and Media Release Form
- Students should also submit a photo and provide more information about their project through this online form: <http://kids.canadashistory.ca/YCProfile>

### Timeline

- **June 5** – Student videos must be completed and sent to Canada's History (we will be using Dropbox to send and receive the videos).
- **June 12–July 7** – All videos will be posted to YoungCitizens.ca and a public vote will take place. The result of the popular vote will make up 50% of the selected participants (13 finalists). A panel of judges will also review videos and select the remaining students (13 finalists). All 26 students will be invited to travel to Ottawa to attend the Canada's History Youth Forum in the fall.
- **August** –The recipients will be contacted.



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