



STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives encourages and supports activities which further the awareness, use and understanding of geographic information by Canadians. To this end, post-secondary students are encouraged to submit a paper for the ACMLA student Paper Award competition.

ELIGIBILITY

A student from Canada or studying in Canada currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution (college or university) is eligible to apply to enter the contest. All papers shall be prepared during the current school year

THE ESSAY

The essay shall be original and unpublished and of no more than 3,000 words. Illustrative or graphic material is welcomed. The essay itself shall be either in print (typescript, double-spaced and printed on one side of the paper) or in electronic format (PDF, MS Word or .rtf only, please).

DATES

Print copies of the essay must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2010 and addressed to:

Ann Smith, Chair,
ACMLA Awards Committee,
Vaughan Memorial Library,
Acadia University,
Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6

Electronic copies must be received by the Committee by that date as well:

Address: ann.smith@acadiau.ca
Subject: "ACMLA student paper award."

The decision will be announced on or before the Association's annual conference, usually held around June 1st.

CRITERIA

Primary consideration will be given to the essay's originality and its contribution to new knowledge and insights. Other considerations will be the author's demonstration of the relevance of the subject, the quality of presentation and documentation, and the literary merits of the essay.

JUDGING

Members of the ACMLA Awards Committee and the ACMLA Bulletin editor will judge each submitted essay based on the defined criteria. The decision of the judges is final.

If no essay is judged to be appropriate in a given year, the right to make no award is reserved.

THE AWARD

The winner will receive a prize of \$250 and free membership in the Association for one year. The award includes an invitation to present the paper at the ACMLA annual conference held end of May/early June. If the winner chooses to attend the conference, the Association will waive registration fees and provide a travel stipend of \$250. The essay will be considered for publication in the Association's Bulletin.