

Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene

Student Essay Award

Competition Criteria

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Eligibility

Canadian dental hygiene diploma or baccalaureate students in year 2, 3 or 4 of their program or degree-completion students.

General Criteria

The essay, in either English or French, must be original, not considered for publication elsewhere, and appropriately referenced (Vancouver style). It may be written in fulfillment of a course assignment during the year (e.g., a summary of a clinical case study or community health project) or composed specifically for this competition. Only single author entries will be accepted. Students must present their essay to their program director, who will endorse the school entry or entries to go forward and will complete the required nomination form(s).

Topic of Essay

Applicants may write on a topic of their choice and must indicate under which category it falls in the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association's 2015-2020 *Dental Hygiene Research Agenda*. For example, if the essay is based on a community health project, the relevant research agenda category might be "Access to Care." CDHA's 2015-2020 *Dental Hygiene Research Agenda* is available online at www.cdha.ca/researchagenda.

Essay Title

Maximum of 12 words and must clearly describe the content of the essay. The author's name, program year, name of school, address for correspondence, and applicable research agenda category must appear on the title page.

Essay Length

Maximum 2,000 words for the body of the essay. References are not included in the total word count. Please cite as many as required. Tables, graphs, and photos (with appropriate credit given) are welcome.

Judging Criteria

Originality, clarity (including grammar and spelling), organization, appropriate referencing, and contribution to the dental hygiene body of knowledge.

Award Amount

Given the serious impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on professional lives, conference planning, and personal financial circumstances, the winner of this year's award will receive a \$1,500 cash prize and a PHILIPS Sonicare power toothbrush.

The award-winning essay will be published in a special section of the October 2020 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene* designated as "CJDH Student Essay Award."

Submission Deadline

Essay with accompanying nomination form is to be submitted via email to: scientificeditor@cdha.ca no later than midnight on June 1, 2020.