

Voices of Hope Participation Information

2022 Theme: REPRESENTATION MATTERS

Voices of Hope sets out to address the absence, token, and negative representations of Indigenous Peoples and racialized individuals and communities. This theme raises and emphasizes the importance for all communities to experience full participation in and authentic recognition of their contributions to Canada.

The *Voices of Hope* contest is open to **youth aged 11 – 17 years** to use poetry or art to showcase the diversity in Canada and give voice to the theme: Representation Matters.

How will you express and represent the identity, belonging, and/or contributions of your community or diverse communities in Canada through poetry and/or art?

Contest Closing Date: April 28, 2022

1. Participants can choose to submit poetry or art or both.
2. Art works must be either 18" X 24" medium or 24" X 36" large poster size.
3. All submitted creative works must be original.
4. All creative works will be judged based on three age groups: 11 – 12 years; 13 – 14 years and 15 -17 years
5. The following awards will be provided
 - \$200 award for the best poetry and for the best art in each of the three age groups.
 - \$20 gift card for each creative work selected for 20 honourable mentions for poetry and 20 honourable mentions for art.
 - All participants will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
6. The judges of the creative works are representatives from the organizations supporting this contest.
7. If you have any questions, please contact us at voicesofhope@alphaeducation.org

Inspiration: In addition to your information sources and lived experiences, the following videos may help to think about the theme of this contest and spark your creative work.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X-taPvKWbY> Why representation really matters (13.47 mins)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Ihs241zeg> The danger of a single story (19.16 mins)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTLtiGUGgN8> How you see me (4.07 mins)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv3W6C3JBLY> Why on-screen representation matters (2.07 mins)



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Voices of Hope Application Form

SECTION A

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Year of Birth (YYYY/): _____

Email Address: _____

Grade & School:

Title of Creative Work Submission: _____

SECTION B

Respond to the following question:

What inspired your creative work? Maximum 100 words

SECTION C

Explain how your creative work expresses the theme of **“Representation Matters”**. Maximum 100 words



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Participant Agreement

Thank you for submitting your creative work to the “Voices of Hope” Contest.
All contest entries must be accompanied by a signed copy of this agreement.
If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parent/legal guardian must also sign the agreement.

This participant agreement is made on the ____ (day) of ____ (month), 2022 between participant (“Author/Artist”) and ALPHA Education (“Organization”) on the terms and conditions set forth below.

The Author/Artist, _____, hereby consents to the display and/or use of the creative work submitted by ALPHA Education for any non-commercial use, including but not limited to: record keeping, publicity of the creative work, exhibition, education, public relations, promotion of the creative work. This consent applies in all forms known now and into the future, through any type of media including but not limited to the creative work. The author/artist will be credited for the image or text used.

Author/Artist understands that if the creative work is selected, it may be electronically displayed on ALPHA Education’s website and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). Author/artist also acknowledges that the Organization has the right to publish the creative work as a Collection of Voices of Hope.

Check here if participant is under 18

Author/Artist:

Participant Name

Participant Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Participant

Date of Signature

Organization:

Flora Chong, Executive Director
on behalf of ALPHA Education

Date of Signature

Submission Checklist

Below is a checklist to help you with your submission

- Name your poetry / art as follows:
first name_last name_title of creative piece
Example: *Alex_Chu_Rising Up*
- Complete Application Form Sections A, B, C
- Read and sign the Participant Agreement Form
- Submit your poetry in written form or as an audio file
- Submit artwork in jpg, jpeg, png or pdf format; poster size 18"x24" or 24"x36"
- Email application form, agreement form, and creative work to:
voicesofhope@alphaeducation.org

*****Please title your email "VOICES OF HOPE_first name_last name" *****