



NEPALESE COMMUNITY SOCIETY OF CALGARY (NCSC)

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Nepalese Community Society of Calgary (NCSC) Nepali Pathshala annual Essay Writing Contest 2020.

With immense pleasure, the Nepalese Community Society of Calgary (NCSC) Nepali Pathshala family would like to announce the very first annual student writing contest open to all the students of Nepalese heritage from all over Canada. We welcome and invite students from high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools to write and submit their essays in respective categories.

No matter where we live, we all have a special relation and strong connection with Nepal. For many of us, the foundation and the values of our life has always been deeply rooted in Nepal. Our characters, behavior, and ways to perceive life are highly influenced by the Nepalese tradition and cultural values. They are invaluable treasures of our life and always provide us guidance. With this background, we believe it is very important to provide an opportunity to our children and youth that allows them to explore about Nepal.

The objective of this writing contest is to encourage our children to discover Nepal and its natural heritage, Nepalese tradition, cultural, and societal structures. We strongly believe that this contest will help to increase awareness about Nepal, transform and preserve Nepalese tradition and culture to a young generation that lives far away from Nepal physically. It will eventually help all of us in gaining, appreciating, and understanding our own values and ourselves. The contest includes into three categories, and the details of the contest are as following:

Grade 9-12

Topic: **Preserving Nepalese identity through Nepalese Culture** (Guideline: What Nepali culture, tradition, festivals, costumes you admire and cherish the most? What are the unique Nepali values you think are required to observe, follow, and preserve? How do you think we can preserve our identity in Canadian context?). *Word limit: 1000-1200 words.*



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Recognition:

- 1st Prize: \$150
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2. Grade 6-8

Topic: **Nepal in my perspective** (Guideline: What are your first impressions when you think about Nepal? Do you have any memories, experiences, or any type of bonding with Nepal?). *Word limit: 800-1000 words.*

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3. Grade 3-5

Topic: **Nepal and Mount Everest.** (Guideline: Do you know about mount Everest and the identity it gives to Nepal? If yes, could you please explain the inter relation of Nepal and Mount Everest? Do you agree mount Everest plays a vital role for recognizing Nepal to the whole world, if yes, how?). *Word limit: 400-600 words.*

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Essay Specification:

1. Written in English or in Nepali language
2. Student's name, email address, and contact number must appear on the top of the essay.
3. Type using MS-Word, Double spaced and page numbered. A PDF version is also accepted.
4. Submit to the Nepali Pathshala email: pathshala@nepalisociety.ca

Important timeline:

1. Essay contest open date: December 22, 2020
2. Essay submission dateline: **February 10, 2021**
3. Winners will be notified: March 15, 2021
4. Recognition of winners: April 14, 2021

Judging Criteria:

1. Scope of the research (20%)
2. Content organization (15%)
3. Originality and creativity (20%)
4. Clear presentation and logic (10%)
5. Spelling/grammar/word count (10%)
6. Sharing of viewpoints/sincerity of thoughts (10%)
7. Integrity and completeness (15%)

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