

Every submission must include:

- A completed entry form with (template enclosed and on website):
- A return address
- Contact information for the student (include summer contacts)
- A photograph of the entrants and a brief biography of the entrants
- A paragraph describing the project and school's history
- Freedom of Information release form

Every entry must be clearly marked on the back, bottom, disc, tape and case with:

- Project name
- Student name
- School name

When?

Submissions must be received by Alberta Education by May 27, 2005 and should be pre-selected by the school and/or jurisdiction.

Where?

Send submissions to:

Centennial School History Project
4th Floor, Harley Court
10045-111 Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 2M5

Selection:

Selection of projects to be featured in display and on the media will be made by a panel of people selected for their interest and knowledge in the various media submitted, and of education. Students, educators, artists and sponsors will all be represented on the panel.

Criteria

- All projects must be the original work of the students
- Projects must be about the history or some aspect of the students' school
- Projects should demonstrate a creative approach to telling a story
- Project includes all submission elements (see above)

Recognition:

All schools and students participating in the final selection process at Alberta Education will receive a commemorative certificate.

In addition, all schools participating will be entered in a draw for electronic equipment and other gifts for the school.

Where to get more information:

Go to www.education.gov.ab.ca/ and click on the Centennial logo and backpack for a link to this project, or call the Centennial Project Coordinator at (708) 644-6821.

Alberta Education Centennial School History Project

If walls could speak...



Register now!

Be part of the biggest school centennial project!

Project Information for Superintendents,
Principals and Teachers

If Walls Could Speak What stories would the walls of your school tell?

Every school in Alberta has a special history, a story all its own. Tell Alberta the story of your school through words, video, music, pictures, art, dance, multimedia ... imagination is the only limit.

Join Alberta's Centennial celebrations by contributing projects to be selected for display in Edmonton and featured province wide on Global TV and in the Edmonton Journal and Calgary Herald in a special supplement as part of the September 1-5 Centennial weekend. Both Global and Canwest newspapers will be visiting some schools throughout the Province to feature projects in progress (so participants must pre-register for this project – see below for details). Alberta Education's web site will also feature projects.

This project is not a competition but each student participating in the final selection will receive a certificate, and each school participating will be entered in a draw for electronic equipment for the school.

Project goals:

- To celebrate our heritage during Centennial year by including as many people as possible.
- To relate history to students' every day environment.
- To share local stories with the rest of Alberta, building on student creativity and curiosity and communication skills.
- To encourage non-competitive participation with an emphasis on the importance of the learning process and exchange of ideas.
- To support curriculum and engage students in a multi-disciplinary approach to teaching about Alberta.
- To support community knowledge and interaction.

How?

Individual students, teams, classes and schools are invited to explore their school's history and then develop a project that tells that history to other Albertans.

What?

A project might be:

- A single format or a combination of many
- Original drawing, painting, story, poem, song, diary, play script, photograph
- 3D such as a diorama, model, collection, sculpture
- Original performance such as a dance, a debate, a play, a song
- Original multimedia such as a video, animation, slide or powerpoint production.

Student Project Guidelines

Students may prepare projects as individuals or in groups.

Projects should be ready for display and those selected may not exceed: eighty (80) centimetres in depth, one hundred & fifty (150) centimetres in width and one hundred (100) centimetres in height.

2 and 3-Dimensional Presentations

Student projects may include but are not limited to:

- models
- posters
- crafts
- maps
- artistic displays
- collections
- demonstrations
- caricatures

Creative Writing and Performance

Short Stories and Diary Entries

Length must be 2-11 pages.

Legibility, style, and grammar may be considered.

Poetry

Minimum length - 14 lines.

Legibility, style, and grammar may be considered.

Scripts

Scripts must be: 2-10 pages

Music and Dance

Presentation of music and/or dance can be in any form: classic, contemporary or alternative. Possible ideas for projects include the performance of folk songs, construction of simple musical instruments, and composition of original works.

Debate and Public Speaking

Projects could be about historic events about or at your school. Other ideas include dramatic monologues, original oral presentations, and speaking in character.

Drama

Presentations may be of existing or original work.

Multimedia Presentations

Presenters requiring electronics, computers or projectors should discuss their equipment needs with organizers in advance of submission.

Computer-based projects should be undertaken with minimal technical assistance from teachers, advisors, parents, etc. All projects must be on diskette, CD-ROM, or ZIP disk and include all credits.

Video - All submissions must be in VHS or DVD format and must not exceed 15 minutes. All videos should be written and directed by the students with minimal technical support from teachers, advisors, parents, etc. Each submission must include a title and credits.

Audio - All submissions must be on audiocassette, CD or DVD and must not exceed 5 minutes. All projects must include a title and credits.

Photography - All photographs must have the original work of the presenter and must have a title or be part of a labeled display.

Who?

Every student in Alberta in grades K to 12 is encouraged to participate.

Projects should be made in class or as an extra curricular activity and can be submitted by individuals or by schools. The students must produce all submissions; although, it is recognized that teachers or other adult supervisors might have provided assistance.

Registration:

In order for project organizers to arrange media and Alberta Education visits to schools and to assist schools with projects, schools must register their participation in the project by **April 30** at Alberta Education Centennial web site:

www.education.gov.ab.ca/centennial/

How to submit?

It is recommended that schools and/or districts hold a school project fair and select projects to be submitted to Alberta Education. No class sets of projects will be accepted by Alberta Education.

Packing for shipping:

Flat projects should be packed in sturdy packaging so it will not bend or break.

Small 3 dimensional objects should be carefully packed.

Larger 3 dimensional objects should be photographed rather than sent.

Performance and multimedia submissions should be sent on well labeled CD-ROM, or as a zipdisc file, audio tapes or cassettes and must include all appropriate credits.

Postage and delivery charges are the responsibility of the sender. Alberta Education will not accept COD deliveries.