Canadian Fallen Scholarship

2026-2027 Entry Form

"We Will Remember Them"

The *Canadian Fallen Scholarship* initiative aspires to engage graduating high school students to commemorate Canada's heroes. Youth are invited to prepare a creative tribute that honours the Canadian Fallen's life, service and sacrifice.

The intent is to explore the past by researching the names and personal stories of the men and women whose legacy will be eternally exhibited on the CanadianFallen.ca website.





NWORA's annual magazine - Remembrance Souvenir

Each student's *memorial research and creative tribute* will honour the Canadian Fallen's service, life and sacrifice - bridging the past with the future ensuring *"We Will Remember Them".*

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Eligibility

The *Canadian Fallen Scholarship* is open to:

- Graduating high school students in Ontario, Canada and,
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents or Protected Persons and,
- Those who have successfully completed all e-mail elements ***before*** April 1st

Instructions

- STEP 1 – ***Where to start?*** - Select a Canadian Fallen to research
- STEP 2 – ***What are the scholarship criteria?*** - Creatively commemorate their life, service and sacrifice in the conflict
- STEP 3 – ***How to submit? -*** Email the research project

STEP 1 – Name Research – *Where to Start?*

A. Students preparing a memorial research profile are encouraged to explore a variety of sources to find a name that might be relevant to them.

Selecting a Canadian Fallen to research may start very close to home - consider:

- family and relative stories
- local cenotaphs
- visit the local legion
- school memorials
- local street signs with commemorative poppies

If students cannot find a Canadian Fallen hero to research or to expand their research, use the links in ***Appendix A*** as a starting point for their project.

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B. Once selected, ensure the Fallen Hero's name appears in one of the eight Books of Remembrance that contain more than 120,000 Canadians who have given their lives in the service of our country - LINK.

NOTE - Canadian Fallen Heroes who are not found in the Books of Remembrance may be eligible if pre-approved by the National Wall of Remembrance Association (NWORA) Scholarship Selection Committee in advance of your research. Please contact us by email at canadianfallenscholarship@gmail.com by February 1st of the contest year.

Fill in the chart below to complete Step 1.

- ***Include this information in your final email submission.***
- ***If some of this information is not available, it may be revealed with further research, move on to Step 2.***

Canadian Fallen's First Name	
Canadian Fallen's Last Name	
Canadian Fallen's Hometown	
Service Number	
Unit	
Rank	
Date of Death (YYYY-MM-DD)	
Location of Burial (if available)	

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STEP 2 - *What are the scholarship criteria?*

A. Students are encouraged to use ***Appendix A*** to explore their hero's military record

B. Entries in French or English languages will be accepted

C. Students are expected to ***expand and enrich their research*** using Primary and Secondary resources to add narrative histories that build on your Canadian Fallen biography including their life and their service. Examples include:

   i. ***Primary sources -*** war records, personal diaries, journals, letters, maps, photos, archival footage and newspaper postings

   ii. ***Secondary sources*** - textbooks, books, essays, academic journals, documentaries and historical podcasts

D. Once the information has been collected, students will assemble and prepare a memorial tribute that ***creatively commemorates*** their hero's life and service. See examples below.

Creative Commemoration Examples include, but NOT limited to:

- ***Written Ideas:***
  - Short Stories / Narrative Report / Poems / Songs
- ***Multimedia Presentations:***
  - Annotated Primary Source Compilation
  - Digital Stories / Photographic Essays
  - Documentary Video
  - Graphic Novels / Comics / Animation
- ***Hands on Design Projects:***
  - 3-D Models
  - Dioramas
  - Museum Exhibits

E. Submit your memorial tribute via email following the instructions on STEP 3.

F. Once submitted applicants will receive an email confirmation. Applicants will be required to complete a feedback survey reflecting on their experience in preparing this project. Complete the *Final Feedback Survey within 7 days* of receipt.

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Assessment Overview

The *National Wall of Remembrance Association* Scholarship Selection Committee (NWORA-SSC) will be assessing each submission based on the following criteria totalling a score of 100 points:

- **25 points -** Authentically and accurately communicates the Fallen hero's story in life and in the conflict
- **20 points -** Uses primary and secondary sources to reconstruct historical or personal experiences in life and in the conflict
- **20 points -** Leaves a lasting impression that is visually and emotionally engaging
- **15 points -** Ensures images / media have captions capturing time and locations
- **10 points –** Final Email reflection communicates personal relevance and insights gained by participating in this scholarship program. Include "I am proud …" or "I am grateful …"
- **10 points -** Provides a URL bibliography of the sources used

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STEP 3 – *How to Submit?*

Email the project to canadianfallenscholarship@gmail.com by mid-night annually by April 1st

The e-mail should include the following information:

- **Subject Line:**
  "Presenting (Fallen's First & Last Name) by (Student's First & Last Name) & Province"
  Example: ***Presenting Russell Clift by Amy Yao – Ontario***

- **Body of Email:**
  - Paragraph 1 (max 30 words) - Short paragraph introducing the Canadian Fallen using the information gathered from Step 1(B)
  - Paragraph 2 (max 50 words) - Short description/ outline of the project (Step 2)
  - Paragraph 3 (max 100 words) - Short reflection that integrates ***ONE*** of the following sentiments - "I am proud …" OR "I am grateful …"
  - Paragraph 4 – Copy and paste this (blue) Consent and Media Release statement as proof the applicant has permission to participate in this scholarship program.

    Consent and Media Release: *By submitting this entry, applicants under 18 confirm they have permission from a parent or legal guardian to participate in the NWORA Scholarship Program. Applicants and, if under 18, their parent or legal guardian consent to NWORA publishing scholarship winners' names, photographs, and submitted work on its website, in its magazine, and in related promotional materials.*

  - Sign off Closing
    - Student's First & Last Name
    - School's Name
    - Principal's First & Last Name and e-mail Address
    - School's full Postal Address including postal code

- **Attachments (2):**
  - 1. Project File (Max 25 MB). Accepted File Formats include:
    - Documents - PDF, DOC, DOCX, PPT, PPTX
    - Images - JPEG, PNG, GIF
    - Video – MP4, MOV, GIF (20 MB limit)
    - Audio - MP3, MPEG, WAV
  - 2. Proof of graduation status (i.e.: latest grade 12 report card)

Appendix A – Research Links

Where to Start?

- Complete list of Canadians who have lost their lives in military service since 1884
  https://www.canada.ca/en/services/defence/caf/militaryhistory/remembrance/records-fallen-canadians.html

- Recent Fallen Canadians who died in service over the past 10 years
  https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/recent-fallen-canadians.html

- Canadian Virtual War Memorial (CVWM) registry
  https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial

- Memorial Chamber of Canada's Parliament Building – Eight Books of Remembrance
  https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/memorials/books

- Naval Archive / The Canadian Merchant Navy War Dead Registry
  https://navalmarinearchive.com/research/navies/rcn_source_guide_09.html

- The Lest We Forget Project
  https://www.canada.ca/en/library-archives/collection/research-help/military-history/lest-we-forget.html

- Library and Archives Canada – Further Research Page
  https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/military-heritage/lest-we-forget/Pages/further-research.aspx

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission
  https://www.cwgc.org/

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Appendix B – Assessment Guide for Students

How Your Work Will Be Evaluated (100 Points Total)

25 pts **1. Communication of Fallen Hero's Story**

- Clearly tell your hero's story, including who they were, where they came from, their military service, accomplishments, and their sacrifice.
- Use your own words and organize the narrative so it flows well, connecting the reader with the hero.

20 pts **2. Emotional & Visual Impact**

- Create emotional impact by using strong language, meaningful visuals, and thoughtful design.
- Choose images and design elements to clearly support the story helping the audience understand or feel something.

20 pts **3. Use of Primary and Secondary Sources**

- Use at least 2–3 primary sources, such as letters, military records, photographs, oral histories, or government documents, and explain how they informed your understanding.
- Support your research with credible secondary sources and to enhance your evidence.

15 pts **4. Image & Media Captions**

- Every image, map, or media element must include a descriptive caption.
- Each caption should explain what is shown and connect it directly to your hero's story.

10 pts **5. Final Email Reflection**

- Write a sincere reflection email (up to 100 words) about what you learned and how the project affected you personally.
- Show personal growth - what surprised you and what will you carry forward about this hero's life and sacrifice.

10 pts **6. URL Bibliography**

- List every website used, including the full URL, access date, and a one-sentence note about what the source provided.
- Organize the bibliography clearly and include only credible, relevant sources; quality matters more than quantity.

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Appendix C – Assessment Rubric

Fallen Hero's Name:		Submitted By:		
Criterion & Points	**★ Excellent (Full Credit)**	**◆ Proficient (Partial Credit)**	**△ Developing (Minimal Credit)**	**Points Earned**
Communicates the Fallen hero's story in life and in the conflict 25 pts	★ **Excellent** ***(21-25 pts)*** Narrative is vivid, well-organized, and deeply personal. Reader feels connected to the hero's life and sacrifice. Covers background, service, and legacy.	◆ **Proficient** ***(13–20 pts)*** Story is told clearly with some personal detail. Most key elements present but lacks full depth or narrative flow.	△ **Developing** ***(0–12 pts)*** Story is brief, vague, or disorganized. Key facts missing. Little sense of the hero as a person.	/ 25 pts
Use of Primary and Secondary Sources 20 pts	★ **Excellent** ***(18–20 pts)*** 3 primary AND 2 secondary sources cited and thoughtfully integrated. Each source clearly informs the narrative.	◆ **Proficient** ***(13–17 pts)*** 1–2 primary AND 2 secondary sources present. Usage is adequate but not fully explored or explained.	△ **Developing** ***(0–12 pts)*** Primary and secondary sources absent or uncited. Relies solely on secondary or general internet sources.	/ 20 pts
Emotional & Visual Impact 20 pts	★ **Excellent** ***(18–20 pts)*** Visuals and language are powerful and purposeful. Audience is moved. Every design and word choice serves the story.	◆ **Proficient** ***(13–17 pts)*** Some emotional moments and decent visuals. Impact is moderate — could be more cohesive or compelling.	△ **Developing** ***(0–12 pts)*** Little emotional engagement. Visuals are generic or irrelevant. Design feels incomplete.	/ 20 pts
Image & Media Captions 15 pts	★ **Excellent** ***(13–15 pts)*** All images have descriptive, informative captions connecting media to the hero's story. Writing is polished.	◆ **Proficient** ***(9–12 pts)*** Most images captioned. Some captions are generic or lack connection to the narrative.	△ **Developing** ***(0–8 pts)*** Few or no captions. Images are unlabelled or captions are one word / phrase only.	/ 15 pts
Final Email Reflection 10 pts	★ **Excellent** ***(9–10 pts)*** Email is up to 100 words, sincere, and thoughtful. Shows genuine personal growth. Professionally addressed.	◆ **Proficient** ***(6–8 pts)*** Email is adequate in length. Reflection is surface level but shows some engagement. Semi-professionally addressed.	△ **Developing** ***(0–5 pts)*** Email missing, too short, or shows minimal reflection. Generic or off topic or unprofessional	/ 10 pts
URL Bibliography 10 pts	★ **Excellent** ***(9–10 pts)*** All sources listed with full URLs. Organized, credible, and complete.	◆ **Proficient** ***(6–8 pts)*** Most sources listed. Minor formatting inconsistencies.	△ **Developing** ***(0–5 pts)*** Bibliography incomplete, poorly formatted, or contains unreliable sources.	/ 10 pts
TOTAL SCORE				**_____ / 100**

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