

## Fairness Week Contest for Students

### *Contest Rules*

1. **The Contest:** Ombudsman Saskatchewan is conducting a Fairness Week Contest (referred to as “the Contest” in the rest of this document) for students in grades 9-12 in Saskatchewan schools, including home-schooled students. Fairness Week is a celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appointment of the first ombudsman in Sweden. It commemorates ombudsman work and its impact on societies and governments.
2. **Topic and Format of Entries:** Entries must be on a topic relevant to ombudsman work. The type of entry (essay, video, etc.) is up to the student but must be in one of the following formats: paper, Word, PDF, or a file that can be played using QuickTime or Windows Media Player.
3. **Sending in Entries:** Submit your entry by mail, fax or e-mail, as noted below. Ombudsman Saskatchewan will not be responsible for entries that are lost, stolen, delayed, misdirected or do not conform to the Contest rules.

Note: You should keep a copy of your entry as a back-up.

*By Mail:*

Fairness Week Contest  
Ombudsman Saskatchewan  
#150-2401 Saskatchewan Drive  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 4H8

*By Fax:*

Fairness Week Contest  
Ombudsman Saskatchewan  
Fax#: 306-787-9090

*By E-mail:*

[ombreg@ombudsman.sk.ca](mailto:ombreg@ombudsman.sk.ca)  
Subject: Fairness Week Contest

3. **Deadline:** The deadline for entries is October 5, 2009. Entries received at Ombudsman Saskatchewan after 5:00 p.m. October 5, 2009 will not be eligible for consideration in the Contest.

4. **Judging:** Entries will be judged by a panel of three and will be based on a combination of relevance, accuracy, creativity and communication of ideas. The decision of the judges is final.
5. **Plagiarism:** Using information without giving credit to the source is plagiarizing and will result in disqualification.
6. **Prizes:** There are three prizes:

*Student Prize Package* - The student who submits the winning entry will receive: \$500, lunch with the Ombudsman and a visit to the Saskatchewan Legislature.

*Winner's School* - The winning student's school will receive \$200 for its library.

*High Participation School* - The school with the highest rate of participation in the Contest among students in grades 9-12 will also receive \$200 for its library.

Notes:

In the event of a tie for either the winning entry or the school with the highest rate of participation, two prizes will be awarded.

The portions of the prize consisting of lunch with the Saskatchewan Ombudsman and the visit to the Saskatchewan Legislature will be awarded when the Legislative Assembly is sitting, at a time and date mutually agreed upon by the winner and the Ombudsman.

If the winner is outside a 50km radius of Regina, Ombudsman Saskatchewan will pay mileage at a rate of \$0.3623/km south of the 54<sup>th</sup> parallel and \$0.3901/km north of the 54<sup>th</sup> parallel.

If the winner is outside a 200km radius of Regina, Ombudsman Saskatchewan will pay \$120 for hotel accommodation.

7. **Announcement of Winners:** The winner and the winning schools will be contacted as soon as possible after the judges have made their decision and prior to any public announcement of the Contest results. The Ombudsman will announce the Contest results during Fairness Week (October 12-16, 2009).
8. **Entry Exceptions:** Children of employees of Ombudsman Saskatchewan or the judging panel cannot enter the Contest.

9. **Participation Means Acceptance of the Rules:** By participating, entrants agree to be bound by these official Contest rules.
10. **Return of Entries:** Ombudsman Saskatchewan will keep entries for one month after the Contest. After that, entries will be returned to the entrants.
11. **Use of Entries:** The winning entry will be publicized as such and will be posted on Ombudsman Saskatchewan's website. If Ombudsman Saskatchewan wishes to publicize any other entries, it will seek permission from the entrants before doing so.
12. **Privacy:** Ombudsman Saskatchewan will not disclose personal information submitted as part of the Contest (such as names, addresses and phone numbers), with the exception of the winner's name and the name of the winner's school.