



Voices of Olympia Canada School Competition process Edition 2023-2024

Voices of Olympia Canada (VOOC) is committed to supporting participants by providing promotional materials as well as virtual mentorship throughout the competition, which is structured in a six-step process.

1. Enrollment

Schools or individuals interested in participating must complete the competition Enrollment online.

<https://www.olympesdelaparolectanada.ca/en/enrollment>

2. Procedure

- a. Participating schools will select their participants from among Secondary 4 and 5 / Grade 10 and 11 students, who will work as a team.
- b. Each participant must acknowledge the content of and sign the “*VOOC Consent Form.*”
- c. Each school will assign an instructor to lead the teams representing their school.
- d. Participants will submit, for approval by their instructor, the topic they have selected in relation to the competition theme, specifying the method they will be using to carry out the project.
- e. Using critical thinking and evidence-informed approaches, participants will use factual data from valid, expert sources to analyze and objectively appraise the information.

3. Preliminary evaluation

The work done by the participants will provide evidence of personal and collective contributions in gaining a better understanding of the competition theme, and the translation of this understanding into action in the community.

- a. Participants will send their results (a written report and a video clip) by email to VOOC review panel.
- b. The review panel will use criteria set out by Voices of Olympia Canada to evaluate participants' work.
- c. Feedback from the panel will be used by participants to improve their work in preparation for the final evaluation.



4. Final evaluation

The final evaluation will be done either virtually or in-person. Participants will submit the final version of their work to the review panel, including:

- a. An electronic version of an essay, written in APA format
- b. A 3-minute video clip
- c. A 20-minute oral presentation (in-person or via internet)

5. Announcement of winners

Winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony, then subsequently, through a press release.

6. Scholarship Awards Ceremony

- a. The Voices of Olympia Canada Board of Directors will organize the scholarship awards ceremony in-person, virtually or using a hybrid model.
- b. An invitation will be sent to all schools to be shared with participants, their families, and friends.
- c. Scholarships will be awarded to the four best projects:
 - 1st Prize : \$ 2 500
 - 2nd Prize : \$ 2 000
 - 3rd Prize : \$ 1 500
 - 4th Prize : \$ 1 000

Note: Each winning team must commit to providing VOOC with a brief progress report about the status of their project the year after receiving the scholarship.

- d. All participants will be honoured with a certificate attesting to the community hours dedicated to this competition.



Activities scheduled for the 2023-2024 Edition.

May - September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enrollment period- Validation of participation
September - October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Send VOOC kit to schools.- Schedule school visits.- Confirm number of teams and participants per school.- Complete suggested list of readings and share with schools through Google Drive.
October 2023 - March 2024	Teams work on their projects
November 2023	Recruitment of VOOC Review Board members
December 6, 2023	VOOC School Competition official launch
March 2024	Preliminary Evaluation and feedback from Review Board
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final evaluation- Selection of winners
May 2024	Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Note: Each winning team must commit to maintaining contact with Voices of Olympia Canada and to submitting to VOOC a brief progress report on the status of their project by June 2025.