



## SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI **GRADUATING STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST**

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to submit an essay, you must currently be a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate) at Saint Mary's University who will be graduating in May 2012.

#### **ESSAY TOPIC:**

As you prepare to leave Saint Mary's University and transition into the next phase of your life, describe what your time at Saint Mary's University has meant to you. What learning and life experiences will you carry with you? What will be most valuable to you? What connection have you made to Saint Mary's?

#### **AWARDS:**

- The first-place award is \$500; the winning essay will be published in Maroon & White Magazine and on the Alumni website ([www.smu.ca/alumni](http://www.smu.ca/alumni)).
- The second- and third-place awards are \$250 and \$100, respectively; these essays will be published on the Alumni website.

#### **SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES:**

- Be nostalgic. Be witty. Be serious. Be whatever you want, but be it in 500 or fewer words.
- All essays must be typed and double-spaced on 8½ x 11 inch white paper.
- Do not write your name on the essay itself.
- A completed **Submission Form** must be attached. Submission Forms are available on campus at the Alumni Office, Student Services Office and Writing Centre. The form is also available online in printable and electronic formats at [www.smu.ca/alumni](http://www.smu.ca/alumni).
- Each student is limited to one entry.
- Organization, grammar, composition and content are all important.
- Show your personal creativity (the judging committee wants to hear your voice).
- All entries become the property of Saint Mary's University Alumni.
- Entries will not be returned.
- SMU Alumni reserves the right to edit the winning submissions as required.

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### ESSAY JUDGING INFORMATION:

- A committee of members from the Saint Mary's University and Alumni Council will judge the essays according to the outlined guidelines.
- Papers will be judged anonymously.
- The judges have the right to not declare a winner if they determine that no submissions meet the criteria.
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- The winner will be announced by May 17, 2012.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All submissions must be received by the Alumni Office (867 Robie St.) on **Friday, March 16, 2012 by 4:30pm**

Email: alumni@smu.ca  
On Campus: Alumni Office, 867 Robie St, Room 206  
Mail: Alumni Office Essay Contest  
923 Robie St, Halifax, NS B3H 3C3

### QUESTIONS:

Any questions regarding the **Graduating Student Essay Contest** should be directed to:  
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SUBMISSION FORM

NAME	
ADDRESS	
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POSTAL CODE	
STUDENT NUMBER	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
FACULTY	
MAJOR	
TITLE OF ESSAY	

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I certify that I am a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, and the work I am submitting is my own. I also understand that by submitting this essay, it becomes the property of the Saint Mary's University Alumni to be used in any manner they deem appropriate.

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Signature

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Date

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