

# The Leacock Medal for Humour

Canada's Award for Literary Humour

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## Ontario Students Challenged to Enter Essay Competition

**\$3,000** is up for grabs in the **Stephen Leacock Student Humorous Essay Competition**, but Ontario students are not yet taking up the challenge. Only seven entries have been received this year compared to the 41 received last year. We believe that our students can do better than this, so we are giving them another chance by extending the deadline by two weeks, to **April 30, 2024**.

This year, the prize money has been increased to **\$1,500** for the winner and **\$750** for each of two runners-up, amounts that should really help students with their further education.

The competition is run by Stephen Leacock Associates, the organization that awards the Leacock Medal for Humour each year. It is open to Ontario students aged 14 to 19, and the deadline for submissions is April 15th. Entries may be submitted on-line at [www.leacock.ca/studentaward.php](http://www.leacock.ca/studentaward.php), where more details about the competition can be found.

The three winners will be invited to a **“Meet the Authors” and Student Showcase event** in Orillia on **Friday, June 21st**, where they will have the opportunity to meet the finalists for the **2024 Leacock Medal** and other authors. The first-place winner will also receive two tickets to the **Gala Dinner on Saturday, June 22nd** (at which the winner of this year's Leacock Medal will be announced), plus an autographed copy of the medal-winning book. The host of the dinner will be **Steve Patterson**, who is well-known as the host of the CBC's radio program, *The Debaters*. More information about these events is

given at [www.leacock.ca/gala.php](http://www.leacock.ca/gala.php).

This is a great opportunity for students to win money for their education and have fun while doing so.

The Leacock Medal for Humour awards are generously sponsored by the Dunkley Charitable Foundation. For more information about the Leacock Medal and Stephen Leacock Associates, please visit [www.leacock.ca](http://www.leacock.ca).