



Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians

UNDERGRADUATE PALLIATIVE CARE NARRATIVE AWARD

Criteria and Submission Information

Description and Purpose of the Award:

The narrative should express the student's experience or perspective regarding the **role of palliative care in transcending the difficult aspects of death and dying**. How do palliative care professionals help patients, families, communities and the healthcare team--including physicians--to move beyond the sadness, tragedy and pain of life-limiting situations, and create space and opportunities for growth, healing, beauty and meaning for patients and those who care for them? How have these experiences influenced your development as a physician?

Nominated by: Self-submission

Eligibility: Open to medical students who are in the penultimate year at a Canadian medical school (e.g., 2nd year of a 3-year program or 3rd year of a 4-year program)

Format: Any medium.

Poetry: maximum of 70 lines

Prose: maximum of 1,000 words

Images: minimum 300dpi, pdf or other common format. If an image has a caption, a limit of 50 words is recommended

Video or audio: common format

Appropriate consent must be obtained via a formal release form to be signed by the person referenced, a parent or guardian, or next-of-kin if the person is deceased. Please complete a [CMAJ consent form](#) (in the event that you are a winner and CMAJ chooses to publish your narrative). If your university or institution requires an additional consent form of their own, please include it with your submission as well.

Judging: Submissions will be blinded as much as possible before forwarding to the judging committee. They will be evaluated by a committee including three senior palliative care physicians who have been selected by the Undergraduate Education Committee (one of whom must be a member of the CSPCP Awards Committee), a staff member from the humanities section at the *CMAJ*, and an additional judge from the Canadian humanities in medicine community. In addition, the CSPCP Undergraduate Education Committee will select an individual each year who has made a significant contribution to palliative care. He/she will be invited to participate in the judging process that year and to present the award at the CSPCP conference.

Exclusions:

- Judges may not be referenced within any of the submissions, either by name or by image
- Judges must not be related to any of the applicants

Prize:

- \$500 cash and a commemorative certificate. The cash award is sponsored by Pallium Canada.
- Narrative featured on the CSPSP web site.
- Opportunity to present/share the narrative at the Advanced Learning in Palliative Medicine conference. The conference registration fee is covered; travel is not.
- Subject to peer review, some entries may be featured in a *CMAJ* print or online publication

Submission: Email the narrative to office@cspcp.ca. Submissions should include the name of the student, address, email address, phone and fax number and name of the medical school in which the student is enrolled. Submissions may be in English or French.

Criteria:

Each submission will be judged on

- How well it fulfills the description and purpose of the award as noted above.
- Creativity
- Quality of presentation

Timeline:

Announcement	November 2016
Reminder	January 2017
Submission deadline	May 15, 2017
Announce Winner	On or before September 30, 2017
Formal Award presentation	CSPCP Advanced Learning in Palliative Medicine Conference in spring 2018