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MACPHERSON LITERARY AWARD

The Macpherson Literary Award was established in memory of Norman J. Macpherson, a long time NWT educator. The Award is presented annually to the winner(s) of a literary competition conducted by the Department of Education.

The competition is open to all NWT junior and senior high school students. Consideration will be given to the grade level of the entrant with the possibility of separate awards for grades 7 to 9 and grades 10 to 12.

Students may submit any number of entries in the categories of poetry, prose, essay and drama. The submission must be the students' original work and will be judged mainly on creativity and style. There is no restriction on length but the following guidelines may be used:

Poetry 9 to 50 lines
 Prose, essay, drama 700 words for 7 to 9
 1000 words for 10 to 12

To encourage the development of literature in the native languages, in years two and three of a three year cycle, entries must be submitted in the language family specified by the contest rules. The language cycle is as follows:

1990 English or French
 1991 Inuktitut (all dialects)
 1992 Dene languages
 1993 Cycle repeats

Each year \$500.00 in prize money and a Macpherson Coat of Arms plaque will be made available to the winner(s). However, the judges reserve the right to make no award if the standard of entries does not merit making the Award in any particular year. The judging will be done by a panel of individuals qualified to evaluate the entries in the languages in which they are submitted.

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