

Primary : 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle (200 to 300 words)  
Secondary : 1<sup>st</sup> cycle (300 to 500 words) – 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle (500 to 700 words)

**Texts that have more words than required will not be considered.**

**Theme:**

" Which right or freedom guaranteed by the Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms do you prefer and why? "

## RULES

1. This contest is open to schools on the island of Montreal. Three groups within both the French and English sectors are eligible: students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the elementary level, students in the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of the secondary level, and students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the secondary level. One winner will be chosen from each group, subject to fulfilling the selection criteria.
2. Elementary students must write a 200 to 300 word essay. Secondary 1<sup>st</sup> cycle students must write a 300 to 500 word essay and Secondary 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle must write a 500 to 700 word essay.
3. The texts must be sent to the Barreau de Montréal **by February 3, 2025.**
  - By e-mail : [concours@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca](mailto:concours@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca)

### How to participate

The participants' texts must be submitted in the same format (PDF or Word), and in this mandatory order for each student:

1. Completed registration form
2. Consent from the parent or tutors for texts written by students under the age of 14
3. Text of the participant.

**IMPORTANT:** the names of participants, their teachers and schools must be indicated on the registration form. Please do not include this information in your text, which will be judged anonymously.

The Organizing Committee reminds participants of the importance of submitting original material. Teachers should be mindful that examples given in class sometimes appear repeatedly in the essays of a given group. Also, to ensure that the essays remain anonymous, we ask teachers to remind their students to avoid identifying themselves, their school, or their teacher in their essays. For statistical purposes, teachers who decide not to submit all the essays written by their students are asked to indicate the total number of students who participated.

4. The following texts will be excluded:
  - Incomplete registration form;
  - Handwritten text;
  - Text sent by fax or regular mail;
  - Text not meeting the above conditions.
5. A jury made up of members of the Montreal Bar will choose the winners. The jury may also issue Honourable mentions to students who have not been chosen as the winners.

**Selection criteria:** Adherence to the theme, **originality**, spelling, grammar, vocabulary, personal analysis.

**Prizes:** The awards ceremony will take place on **Saturday March 29, 2025**, at the Montreal Courthouse, during the Aim for Justice Events of the Barreau de Montréal. The winners will read their essays to the audience and will receive \$200 from the Barreau de

Montréal and *Antidote+ Family*, the indispensable writing assistance software suite from *Druide informatique*. They will also be invited for a guided tour of the Courthouse and for a meeting with a judge.

**Personal information:** The Barreau de Montréal collects personal information about participants and their teacher through the participation form. The personal information that is gathered will only be used for the purpose of managing the contest. No commercial or other communication unrelated to this contest will be sent to participants or their teacher unless they have given their consent, the whole in accordance with the Barreau de Montréal's Policy respecting the protection of personal information (<https://www.barreaudemontreal.qc.ca/sites/default/files/politique-protection-renseignements-personnels.pdf>).

**Ownership:** The participation forms and texts submitted to the Barreau de Montréal are the property of the Barreau de Montréal and will not be returned to participants. All participation forms and texts received by the Barreau de Montréal and all personal information allowing participants in the contest to be identified will be destroyed within three (3) months following the award ceremony.

**Conditions for awarding prizes:** Once the winners are selected by the jury, minors under 14 years of age must have a separate consent form filled out by the holder of parental authority or their tutor to participate in the award ceremony.

**Information:**

Telephone: 514 866-9392, extension 235 — Email: [concours@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca](mailto:concours@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca)

**Participation form  
Participant under 14 years of age**

**ATTENTION: Participants must submit this Participation form along with their essay. The names of the participants, teacher and school should be indicated on the form and not on the essay itself, as entries are judged anonymously.**

Name of school : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of teacher : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Theme :

“Which right or freedom guaranteed by the Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms do you prefer and why?”

Elementary	3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle :	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Secondary	1 <sup>st</sup> cycle :		Sec. 1	Sec. 2	
Secondary	2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle :		Sec. 3	Sec. 4	Sec. 5

Name of the student : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of words : \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL CONSENT**

For the purposes of the "Write for Justice" contest , I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_, holder of parental authority or tutor of \_\_\_\_\_ ("the child"), consent to the collection by the Barreau de Montréal of the child's personal information in accordance with the rules of the "Write for Justice" and the Privacy Policy of the Barreau de Montréal (<https://www.barreaudemontreal.gc.ca/wp-content/uploads/privacypolicy.pdf>)

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Participation form  
Participant aged 14 and over**

**ATTENTION:** Participants must submit this Participation form along with their essay. The names of the participants, teacher and school should be indicated on the form and not on the essay itself, as entries are judged anonymously.

Name of school : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of teacher : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Theme :

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Name of the student : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of words : \_\_\_\_\_