

FASS Essay Competition FAQ

What should the letter of recommendation contain?

There is no hard-and-fast formula for the accompanying letter from a member of Faculty, though it should hit on the following points: who you are and how s/he knows you; the name of the competition you have entered (i.e.: Mushkat Memorial); why s/he believes you are competent to speak on this topic.

Can a PhD/TA student write the letter for me? What about a member of faculty from another university?

Unfortunately, no. The rules, as set out by the donors, are very clear: the letter of recommendation must come from a current Dalhousie faculty member.

Can I enter more than one competition?

You may enter more than one competition. However, you may not enter the same essay into more than one competition. Please indicate on your cover page which prize competition you are entering. Without this information, you run the risk of disqualification, and nobody wants that.

Are King's students eligible?

The FASS Essay Competition is for Dalhousie students only.

Can I submit an essay that was prepared/is being prepared for a class?

This is permissible only if you've received permission from your professor. The essays for the FASS Essay Competition are submitted through TurnItIn.com – accordingly, if you do not tell your prof, it may be flagged as a plagiarized piece.