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A COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

During the second half of the twentieth century, successive waves of immigrants and refugees from all over the world transformed our cities and communities, creating one of the most multicultural countries in the world. The arrival of nearly 40,000 Hungarian refugees to Canada following the 1956 Revolution in Hungary played an important role in changing Canadian immigration and refugee policy.

The Canada Hungary Educational Foundation (CHEF) invites high school and post-secondary students to explore Canada's multicultural heritage within the context of a competition. Submissions should examine aspects of the refugee or immigrant experience in Canada from a personal perspective. A range of topics concerning the multicultural experience might be treated, including issues of identity and balancing multiple identities, heritage and language maintenance, immigration stories and how multiculturalism presents itself in your own community. The competition invites you to look at these issues through an essay, a piece of short fiction or a short video.

The competition will be open to contestants who are under 25 years of age and registered full-time at a Canadian secondary school or post-secondary program (at the undergraduate level).

CHEF will be looking for original submissions and will award prizes to the winners in two categories: secondary and post-secondary. **In each category the first prize will be \$1000, the second \$500 and the third \$250.** There may be additional runner-up prizes and a special prize to be awarded by the Hungarian Embassy to a deserving student who depicts Hungarian immigrant experiences. Winning entries will be published on the website.

Deadline for submissions will be October 31st 2008 and results will be announced in December 2008. Rules, more detailed information and entry forms will be posted on the www.hungarianpresence.ca website by the end of May.

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