

THE IPAC MANITOBA STUDENT PAPER AWARDS

(THE WILLARD J. CONDO MEMORIAL AWARD)

I. INTRODUCTION

In 1980, the Executive Committee of the Manitoba Regional Group of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) established an award for the best student paper in public administration in honour of the late Willard J. Condo. Dr. Condo was a long-time Executive member of the Manitoba Regional Group. He had an extensive history of public service in Manitoba, a commitment to improving the quality of higher education, and supported excellence in the field of public administration in the province. In 1991, the Executive voted to expand the award by creating two categories of competition: graduate and undergraduate. In 2003, the Executive voted to return to a single student paper award.

II. ABOUT THE AWARD

1. The Willard J. Condo Memorial Award is annually presented by the Manitoba Regional Group of IPAC for the best student paper in public administration. The object of the competition is to encourage students with career interests in the public service to make original contributions to the field of public administration by examining the structures, processes and outcomes of public policy, administration and management in all spheres of government.

2. There is currently one annual award worth \$500 plus an one-year IPAC student membership open to students in degree-granting and certificate-based programs across the province. The annual student membership is currently valued at \$50.00. Students at any Manitoba university or community college are eligible.

Funding for these awards come from the Willard J. Condo Memorial Award Trust Fund. The promotion of education and research locally in the field of public administration is an appropriate and desirable use of these funds, and is consistent with the aims and objectives of IPAC. The Regional Executive may increase the amount of the award periodically, as it deems necessary.

3. The winner of each year's competition will be publicly announced at an IPAC Manitoba Regional Group event. IPAC reserves the right to withhold the granting of either award if there is no paper of appropriate quality in a given category in a given year.

4. The Judging Committee will normally consist of at least one member of the current Executive Committee (the Student Award Coordinator, unless otherwise specified) and one representative from each of at least three of the four Winnipeg-based institutions noted below that are involved in teaching public policy and administration, whether in a degree or a non-degree program. The Judging Committee thus will normally consist of at least four members, and is organized by the Student Award Coordinator in concert with the institutions. The Committee sets its own internal operating rules each year.

The Committee will be selected from at least three of these institutions: the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, le collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface, and Red River Community College. Students from each of these institutions as well as Brandon University, Assiniboine

Community College and Keewatin Community College are eligible to compete as per section II.2 above.

III. RULES FOR THE AWARD

- 1. Papers will be judged on the basis of originality, innovativeness, clarity, academic quality, and theoretical and practical significance.**
- 2. Competition is open to anyone who is a student of public administration, public management, public policy or other relevant/related subject areas at any of the institutions named above during the current academic year. Both full-time and part-time students may apply.**
- 3. All entries must have a faculty sponsor (i.e., nominator). Faculty may be full or part-time, and may be either part of a degree, diploma or certificate program.**
- 4. Papers should be no more than 50 pages in length, double-spaced and typed on one side of each page.**
- 5. Entrants must attach a covering page, to the FIRST copy only, indicating the title of the paper; the entrant's name, address and telephone number; the post-secondary institution for which the paper was prepared; their degree, diploma or certificate program; and the name and signature of the sponsoring faculty member. The remaining FOUR copies should only show the title of the paper on the covering page and should bear no identifying information.**
- 6. Papers may be submitted in English or in French.**
- 7. Papers that have been published or accepted for publication are not eligible. Students holding full-time university or college teaching appointments cannot enter. PAPERS WRITTEN FOR COURSE CREDIT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD.**
- 8. FIVE (5) copies of the paper (paper copies only; no faxes or email) must be sent to the IPAC Student Award Coordinator at the address listed below by Friday, APRIL 30, 2010. If there are questions about the contest, you may contact the coordinator at the phone number or email address provided.**

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