

BC/YUKON COMMAND
The Royal Canadian Legion

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September 25, 2026

TO: All Branches
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Micheline Sen, BC/Yukon Command Poppy Committee Chair

SUBJECT: National Youth Remembrance Contests

Memo 63.26

Comrades,

The 2026 Youth Remembrance Contest is now underway.

All contest materials will be distributed electronically to schools and Legion Branches throughout British Columbia and Yukon. The materials are also available on the BC/Yukon Command website: <https://legionbcyukon.ca/remembrance/youth-remembrance-contests/>.

School Packages

School packages have been emailed directly to schools and include:

- 2026 School Administrator Letter
- Poster & Literary Entry Form (February 2025)
- Photography Contest Entry Form
- Various Promotional Flyers

In addition to the Poster and Literary categories, please encourage schools and students to participate in the National Video Contest. Branches are encouraged to promote this category while engaging with local schools and youth groups. Full contest details are available at: www.remembrancecontests.ca

New Category: Photography (British Columbia and Yukon Only)

The new Photography Contest is open to students in Grade 4-12 in British Columbia and Yukon. This category gives students an opportunity to submit an original photograph related to remembrance and provides another creative way for students to participate in the contest. Additional information about this category will be available on the BC/Yukon Command website.

Submission Deadlines

Branch should make every effort to adhere to the following deadlines. If issues arise, use your discretion. The earlier the entries reach Command, the more time there is to resolve any errors.

Level	Deadline	Notes
Branch	November 15	Accept all submissions
Zone	December 15	Send only 1 st place entries
BC/Yukon Command	January 15	Send only 1 st place entries
Dominion	February 15	Send only 1 st place entries

Judging Guidelines

Full instructions regarding the judging process and guidelines can be found in the ***National Youth Remembrance Judging Guidelines***. To ensure smooth judging at all levels, please double-check the following on each of the entry forms:

- Student and parent/guardian signatures (2 signatures are required)
- Complete school information including contact details
- Branch and Zone information
- Line and word counts (must be filled in for literary entries)

Reporting Requirements

Branches and Zones will be required to complete the following reporting forms. Completed reporting forms must be submitted to BC/Yukon Command no later than November 30, and send to: contests@legionbcyukon.ca.

- **Branch Statistical Reporting Form**
 - Completed form sent to BC/Yukon Command.
 - Deadline: November 30, 2026
- **Branch 1st Place Winners List Entry Form**
 - Completed form should be forwarded to Zone along with your branch level 1st place winner entries. Please send only the 1st place entries.
 - Deadline to submit to Zone: December 15, 2026
 - Contact your Zone Commander for details on where and when the zone judging will be done.
- **Zone Reporting Form**
 - Completed form sent to BC/Yukon Command along with your zone 1st place winner entries.
 - Deadline to submit to BC/Yukon is January 15, 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact the BC/Yukon Command office directly at (604) 575-8840 or via email: contests@legionbcyukon.ca. Thank you for your support of this program and help keeping remembrance alive in our communities.

In Comradeship,

Micheline Sen

September 2026

Dear School Administrator,

Every year, the National Youth Remembrance Contests provide students across Canada with an opportunity to honour Canada's Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through art, writing and video. The contests are organized by the Legion National Foundation, with support from The Royal Canadian Legion and participating schools across the country.

New for 2026 in British Columbia and Yukon only, we are introducing a Photography category, providing students with another creative way to reflect on Remembrance and share their perspective.

How the Contests Work

Poster and literary entries begin at the local Legion Branch level. Winners advance through the Zone, Provincial and National levels of competition. Video entries are submitted directly online for judging at the national level. The addition of the Photography category is unique to British Columbia and Yukon for 2026. Photography entries will be judged at the Provincial level only, providing students with an opportunity to have their work recognized across the region.

Important Deadlines

All submission must be submitted using the appropriate entry form. Poster and Literary entries must be submitted to the student's local Legion Branch by November 15, 2026. Please contact the Legion Branch nearest you for their specific deadline dates for entries. Video contest entry submissions must be entered online between September 1st to December 15, 2026, at RemembranceContests.ca. Photography submissions must be entered to contests@legionbcyukon.ca no later than December 31, 2026.

British Columbia and Yukon students have done exceptionally well at the national level, and with your encouragement, we can continue to showcase the talent of young artists, writers, poets, videographers and photographers in our region.

More information, including judging guidelines and how to submit entries, are available at RemembranceContests.ca. If you have any other questions, please contact the BC/Yukon Command office at (604) 575-8840 or contests@legionbcyukon.ca.

Sincerely,

Micheline Sen
Poppy Committee Chair

REMEMBER

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A CATEGORY

☐ POSTER CONTEST

☐ COLOUR

☐ BLACK & WHITE

☐ LITERARY CONTEST

☐ POEM (Max: 32 lines)
Line Count: _____

☐ ESSAY (Max: 800 Sr. | 500 Int. | 350 Jr.)
Word Count: _____

GRADE LEVEL

☐ **Primary (Poster Only)** Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3

☐ **Intermediate** Grades 7, 8 and 9 (Quebec: secondary 1, 2 and 3)

☐ **Junior** Grades 4, 5 and 6

☐ **Senior** Grades 10, 11 and 12 (Quebec: secondary 4 and 5)

B STUDENT *Please print (Block Letters)*

First and Last Name - Legal Name Required: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Language: ☐ English ☐ French

C SCHOOL

School Full Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Teacher: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

D STUDENT CONSENT

I am the sole creator of the entry. I give the Legion National Foundation and The Royal Canadian Legion permission to reproduce my entry for the purpose of promoting this program and the Foundation/Legion for the current contest year and in perpetuity. The Legion National Foundation and The Royal Canadian Legion do not rent nor sell the names of applicants to any organization or advertiser.

X Student's Signature: _____

E PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION

I acknowledge that my child was the sole creator of the entry. I hereby give my child permission to complete the entry form in full for the Poster or Literary Contest sponsored by the Legion National Foundation and implemented by The Royal Canadian Legion.

X Parent or legal Guardian's Signature: _____

F BRANCH

Branch Number: _____ Branch Name: _____

Branch Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ District: _____ Zone: _____

The Legion National Foundation ~ National Youth Remembrance Contests Short Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void where prohibited. Individuals who are under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent or legal guardian to participate. **All entries are to be submitted to the local Legion Branch.** Please contact the Legion Branch nearest you for their specific deadline date for entries: legion.ca/contact-us/find-a-branch. Participation is subject to the Official Rules, available at RemembranceContests.ca or for more information email contests@legion.ca.

Poster Contest

Open to all students (including homeschool students) from kindergarten through grade 12 (Quebec: kindergarten through secondary 5) in the Canadian school system. 24 prizes available. Total Prize ARV: \$15,330 CAD; Individual Prize ARV: \$100 - \$4,990 CAD.

Literary Contest

Open to all students (including homeschool students) from grade 4 through grade 12 (Quebec: grade 4 through secondary 5) in the Canadian school system. 18 prizes available. Total Prize ARV: \$14,430 CAD; Individual Prize ARV: \$125 - \$4,490 CAD.



A CATÉGORIE

☐ CONCOURS D'AFFICHES☐ COULEUR☐ NOIR ET BLANC☐ CONCOURS LITTÉRAIRE☐ POÈME (Max: 32 lignes)☐ COMPOSITION (Max: 800 Sr. | 500 Int. | 350 Jr.)

Nombre de lignes: _____

Nombre de mots: _____

NIVEAU SCOLAIRE

☐ Primaire (Affiche seulement) Maternelle, 1^{ère}, 2^e et 3^e années☐ Intermédiaire 7^e, 8^e et 9^e années (au Québec: 1^{ère}, 2^e et 3^e secondaire)☐ Junior 4^e, 5^e et 6^e années☐ Sénior 10^e, 11^e et 12^e années (au Québec: 4^e et 5^e secondaire)B L'ÉLÈVE *Veuillez imprimer en lettres moulées*

Nom complet de l'élève - Nom légal exigé: _____

Adresse postale: _____

Ville: _____ Province: _____ Code postal: _____

No. de téléphone: (_____) _____ Courriel: _____

Année: _____ Âge: _____ Langue: ☐ Français ☐ Anglais

C ÉCOLE

Nom complet de l'école: _____

Adresse de l'école: _____

Ville: _____ Province: _____ Code postal: _____

Enseignant(e)-contact: _____

No. de téléphone: (_____) _____ Courriel: _____

D AUTORISATION DE L'ÉLÈVE

Je suis le créateur/la créatrice unique de la soumission. J'accorde à la Fondation nationale Légion et à La Légion royale canadienne le droit de reproduire en permanence ma soumission pour le but de promouvoir ce programme et la Fondation/Légion. La Fondation nationale Légion et La Légion royale canadienne ne louent ni ne vendent les coordonnées des participants à des organisations ou annonceurs publicitaires.

X Signature de l'élève: _____

E PERMISSION DU PARENT OU DU TUTEUR LÉGAL

Je déclare que mon enfant est le créateur/la créatrice unique de la soumission. Par la présente, j'accorde la permission à mon enfant de compléter le Formulaire d'inscription en entier pour le concours littéraire ou d'affiches, parrainé par la Fondation nationale Légion et réalisé par La Légion royale canadienne.

X Signature du parent ou tuteur légal: _____

F FILIALE

No. de filiale: _____ Nom de filiale: _____

Adresse de filiale: _____ Ville: _____

Province: _____ Code postal: _____ District: _____ Zone: _____

Abrégé des règles du Concours national du Souvenir pour les jeunes de la Fondation nationale Légion

AUCUN ACHAT REQUIS. Nul là où la loi l'interdit. Les personnes âgées de moins de 18 ans doivent avoir le consentement de leurs parents ou de leur tuteur légal pour participer. **Toutes les œuvres doivent être déposées à une filiale de la Légion.** Veuillez contacter la filiale la plus proche de chez vous pour connaître la date limite d'envoi des inscriptions : <https://www.legion.ca/fr/pour-nous-joindre/localisez-votre-filiale>. La participation est assujettie aux règlements officiels, accessibles à [ConcoursDuSouvenir.ca](https://www.concoursdusouvenir.ca) ou pour plus d'information, veuillez contacter contests@legion.ca.

Concours d'affiches

Ouvert à tous les élèves (y compris ceux instruits à domicile) de la maternelle à la 12^e année (au Québec : de la maternelle à la 5^e année du secondaire) du système scolaire canadien. 24 prix à gagner. Valeur totale des prix : 15 330 \$ CA; valeur totale des prix individuels : de 100 à 4 990 \$ CA.

Concours littéraire

Ouvert à tous les élèves (y compris ceux instruits à domicile) de la 4^e à la 12^e année (au Québec, de la 4^e année du primaire à la 5^e année du secondaire) du système scolaire canadien. 18 prix à gagner. Valeur totale des prix : 14 430 \$ CA; valeur totale des prix individuels : de 125 à 4 490 \$ CA.

Levels: Junior Grades 4, 5 and 6 Intermediate Grades 7, 8 and 9 Senior Grades 10, 11 and 12

STUDENT Please print (Block Letters)

First and Last Name - Legal Name Required:

Mailing Address:

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

School Full Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Teacher: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

STUDENT CONSENT I am the sole creator of the Photo. By entering the contest, participants grant the organizers permission to **display, publish, and promote the submitted photographs** for educational, promotional, and exhibition purposes. Photographers will be **credited whenever their work is used**.

X Student's Signature:

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION I acknowledge that my child was the sole creator of the entry. I hereby give my child permission to complete the entry form in full for the Youth & Remembrance Photography Contest sponsored by the BC/Yukon Command of The Canadian Legion.

X Parent or legal Guardian's Signature:

By entering the contest, participants grant the organizers permission to **display, publish, and promote the submitted photographs** for educational, promotional, and exhibition purposes. Photographers will be **credited whenever their work is used**.

BC/Yukon Command Youth & Remembrance Photography Contest Short Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void where prohibited. Individuals who are under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent or legal guardian to participate. All entries are to be submitted to contests@legionbcyukon.ca

Deadline for entries to be received is December 31st, 2026

Participation is subject to the Official Rules, available at legionbcyukon.ca or for more information email contests@legionbcyukon.ca. Contest Open to all students (including homeschool students) from Grade 4 through Grade 12 in the BC & Yukon school system.

One Prize for each Level: 1st Place Winner; 2nd Place Winner; 3rd Place Winner

Photo Submission Requirements. Participants must follow the submission requirements below:

All submitted photographs must have been taken within the past 12 months prior to the submission deadline and must be taken within British Columbia and the Yukon. Submission deadline December 31st, 2026

File Format & Sizing Requirements

- Photographs must be submitted in **JPEG (.jpg) or PNG (.png) format** and no larger than 8x10

Number of Entries

- Each participant may submit **one (1) photograph**

Editing Guidelines

Basic photo adjustments are permitted, including:

- Cropping
- Color correction
- Exposure and contrast adjustments

However, **major digital manipulation that significantly alters the original image is not permitted.**

Photo Ethics and Originality Rules

To maintain fairness and integrity, all participants must follow these guidelines:

Original Work

- All photographs must be **taken by the participant** submitting the entry.
- All photographs must have a title.

No AI-Generated Images

- **AI-generated or AI-assisted images are not permitted** in this contest.

No Plagiarism or Copyright Infringement

- Images copied from the internet or taken by another photographer will be **disqualified**.

Consent for People in Photos

- If identifiable individuals appear in the photograph, the photographer must have **permission from the person(s)** to use the image for the contest.

Respectful Content

- Images must be **appropriate and respectful**, especially considering the theme of remembrance.

Contest organizers reserve the right to **disqualify any entry that violates these rules.**

Photograph Release Form
(to be used only if photograph includes person(s))

The entrant has obtained all necessary permissions and contents from any identifiable individual(s) appearing in the photograph. Where an identifiable individual is under the age of majority, consent must be obtained from a parent or legal guardian. The entrant agrees to provide a signed model release or subject release for an identifiable individual in the photograph upon request.

Please print (BLOCK LETTERS)

Photograph Title: _____

Photographer (Entrant) Name: _____

Name of Person in Photograph (Subject): _____

If subject is underage of majority (19 in BC) please complete the below section:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Email or Phone: _____

I, the undersigned, grant permission to the Royal Canadian Legion, its Branches, Provincial Commands, and Dominion Command to use photographs in which I (or my child) appear(s), for the following purposes:

- Contest judging and display
- Exhibitions and presentations
- Print and digital publications
- Websites and social media
- Promotional and educational materials related to the Legion
- The image may be used without further notice or compensation
- The image may be edited for layout or presentation, but not in a misleading way
- This permission is ongoing (no expiry) unless withdrawn in writing

I confirm that I am:

☐ The individual in the photograph

☐ The parent/legal guardian of the individual named above

I have read and understand this release and give my full consent.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional (Photographer Signature): _____

YOUTH ART, WRITING, AND VIDEO CONTEST

Share What Remembrance Means to You

Enter for a chance to WIN!



Cash
Prizes



National
Exposure



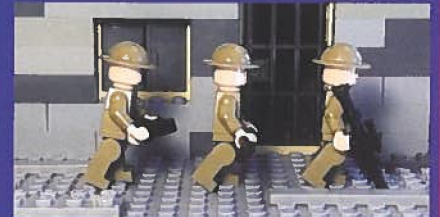
Trip
for Two



Poster created by **ISABELLA HUANG** Calgary, AB

Henry
1-0-7-5-6-4,
I am just a number and nothing more.
Why am I here? Why did I come?
I'm only a bullet in His Majesty's gun.
Make no mistake I am the patriot kind,
But I've abandoned all hope fighting the Gothic Line.
The mud, the mortars, the mayhem of Mussolini's lair,
How can any man overcome this sadness and despair?
"Frieda, you wouldn't understand all this death and misery,"
The homestead in Onoway is where I want to be.
"And Frieda, why don't you write to me more?"
Letters are the only thing keeping me alive in this war.
"Sell all my tools, you will need the cash,"
The Battle of Coriano Ridge will be my last.
Why am I here? Why did I come?
Fighting a war that fools have begun?
Surrounded by everyone, yet alone I go,
Regret and self-pity are the only things I know.
I am bitter and salty like the Adriatic Sea,
Where my stone will face East to a fading legacy.
Who is Henry? I am a broken man,
1-0-7-5-6-4 is all that I am.

Poem created by **NASH HOVE** Gunn, AB



Video created by **GUS CASSIDY** Saint John, NB

Learn more at

RemembranceContests.ca



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Qu'évoque le Souvenir chez toi?

Cours la chance de GAGNER!



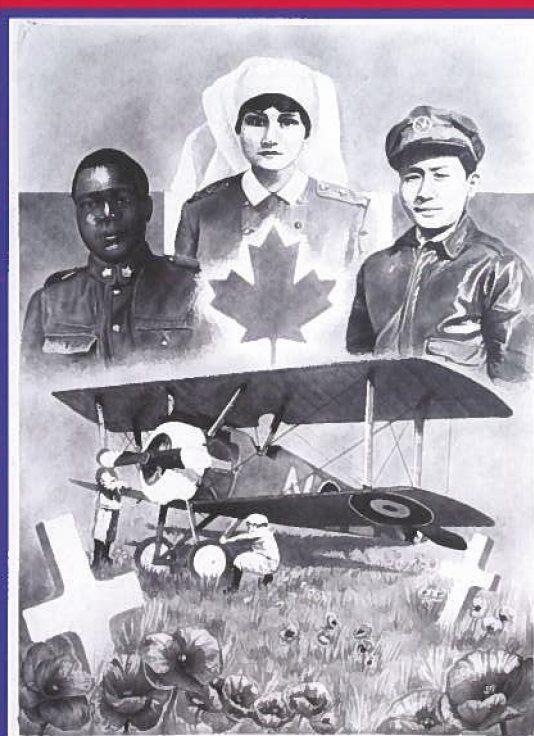
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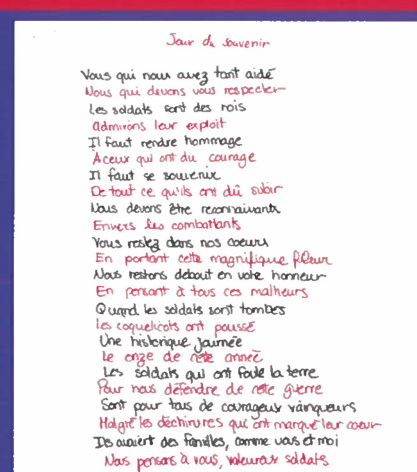
Visibilité
nationale



Voyage
pour deux



Affiche créée par ISABELLA HUANG Calgary (Alb.)



Poème de MAÏNA GUAY
Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel (Qc)



Vidéo produite par GUS CASSIDY Saint John (N.-B.)

En savoir davantage
ConcoursDuSouvenir.ca



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nationale
Légion

Mise en œuvre par

Legion



British Columbia/Yukon
Command

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A LEGION BURSARY?

Bursaries are available to post-secondary students in need of financial assistance.

Contact your local Legion Branch
for more information.





Volunteer with Us!

Volunteering with the Royal Canadian Legion means offering support to Veterans and giving back to your community— **all while fulfilling your community service credits!**

Your local Legion Branch needs the help of volunteers like you to help with events and activities.

You can help with fundraising events, like the annual Poppy Campaign; greet visitors at the door or assist in the kitchen; or use your creativity to design a flyer or social media post.

There are so many ways to give back, make a difference, and have fun along the way.



Find your local Legion Branch
and get started today.



YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS: PHOTOGRAPHY

Share what Remembrance means to you.



NEW: Students in British Columbia and the Yukon can now submit original photos for this year's contests!

Contest Categories:

Posters Essays Poetry Video Photography



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British Columbia/Yukon Command


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Scan the QR code to apply or learn more.

**BC/YUKON COMMAND – THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
2026-2027 YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS BRANCH REPORTING FORM**

BRANCH FIRST PLACE WINNERS ENTRY FORM

Branch Name and Number: _____

Zone: _____

First Place Winner's Name

Black & White Poster	Senior	_____
Black & White Poster	Intermediate	_____
Black & White Poster	Junior	_____
Black & White Poster	Primary	_____
Colour Poster	Senior	_____
Colour Poster	Intermediate	_____
Colour Poster	Junior	_____
Colour Poster	Primary	_____
Essay	Senior	_____
Essay	Intermediate	_____
Essay	Junior	_____
Poem	Senior	_____
Poem	Intermediate	_____
Poem	Junior	_____

Branch Contact: Please forward this form with your Branch's first place winners to **your Zone Commander no later than December 15, 2026.**

Please ensure that the Official Entry Form is fully complete or the entry will be returned to the Branch for completion and resubmission. No exceptions to deadlines will be made.

BC/YUKON COMMAND – THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
2026-2027 YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS REPORTING FORM

BRANCH STATISTICAL REPORTING FORM

Branch Name: _____ Number: _____

Zone: _____

**Total # of Entries
Submitted to Branch**

Black & White Poster	Senior	_____
Black & White Poster	Intermediate	_____
Black & White Poster	Junior	_____
Black & White Poster	Primary	_____
Colour Poster	Senior	_____
Colour Poster	Intermediate	_____
Colour Poster	Junior	_____
Colour Poster	Primary	_____
Essay	Senior	_____
Essay	Intermediate	_____
Essay	Junior	_____
Poem	Senior	_____
Poem	Intermediate	_____
Poem	Junior	_____
TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES:		_____

Branch Contact: Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Please complete and forward this sheet by mail, email or fax to:

BC/Yukon Command, #503 – 17665 66A Avenue, Surrey, BC V3S 7X1
Fax # 604-575-8820 email: contests@legionbcyukon.ca

by November 30th, 2026

**BC/YUKON COMMAND - THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
2026-2027 YOUTH REMEMBRANCE CONTESTS REPORTING FORM**

ZONE REPORTING FORM

Zone: _____

<u>Category</u>	<u>First Place Winner's Name</u>	<u>Branch No.</u>
Black & White Poster Senior	_____	_____
Black & White Poster Intermediate	_____	_____
Black & White Poster Junior	_____	_____
Black & White Poster Primary	_____	_____
Colour Poster Senior	_____	_____
Colour Poster Intermediate	_____	_____
Colour Poster Junior	_____	_____
Colour Poster Primary	_____	_____
Essay Senior	_____	_____
Essay Intermediate	_____	_____
Essay Junior	_____	_____
Poem Senior	_____	_____
Poem Intermediate	_____	_____
Poem Junior	_____	_____

Zone Commander Signature: _____

Zone Commander: Please forward this form with your Zone's first place winners to:
BC/Yukon Command, #503 – 17665 66A Ave, Surrey, BC V3S
7X1 Deadline for entries to be sent to Command – January 15, 2027

**Please ensure that the Official Entry Form on each entry is fully completed
or the entry will be returned to the Branch for completion and resubmission.
No exceptions to deadlines will be made.**