

2025 Provincial Heritage Fair Award Recipients

Award of Excellence

In recognition of outstanding achievement in researching, interpreting, and effectively conveying findings on a topic in Canadian history.

- KJ Stewart, "1968-1971 Islanders", Spring Park
- Cohen Hammill, « L'église St. Augustine », Gulf Shore
- Tayler Wardrope, "Dangerous Times", Homeschool group

Indigenous Relations Secretariat Awards

To recognize outstanding student achievement in celebrating an aspect of Indigenous history, heritage, or culture and to recognize an outstanding project on an aspect of the archaeology or paleontology of Prince Edward Island's past.

- Sophia Faccin, "Roots of Healing: Mi'kmaq Traditional Medicine," Queen Charlotte
- Parks Canada Award: In recognition of the best project portraying the heritage of a National Historic Site of Canada on Prince Edward Island or a person, place or event of national historic significance.
- Desmond McPhee, "Parks Canada: Preserving Canada's cultural heritage and natural beauty for more than 140 years", Donagh Regional School
- Ryan Fitzpatrick, "RCMP", Birchwood (special prize)
- Ally Myers, "Terry Fox's Impact on Canada", Belfast Consolidated (special prize)

PEI Regiment Museum Award

To recognize an outstanding project on an aspect of military history

- Julia MacAleer, Ronni Grace Martin, "North Nova Scotia Highlanders", Colonel Grey

PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation Award

To recognize the best use of material culture (artifacts) in a project interpreting an aspect of Prince Edward Island or Canadian history.

- Ada Leggott, "Benjamin Chappell", Immanuel Christian School

Canada's History National Heritage Fair Showcase Finalists

- KJ Stewart, "1968 - 1971 Islanders", Spring Park
- Benjamin Adams, Benoit Arsenault, « Festival Acadien », École Évangéline
- Cohen Hammill, « L'église St. Augustine », Gulf Shore
- Tayler Wardrope, "Dangerous Times", Homeschool Group

2025 Finalists

Grade 5

- KJ Stewart, “1968 - 1971 Islanders”, Spring Park
- Logan Pollock, “Draft Horses”, Donagh Regional School
- Penelope Farquharson, “Beaconsfield Historic House”, Donagh Regional School

Grade 6

- Kiara Coade, “My Sensational Senior: The Hon. Senator Brian Francis”, Eliot River Elementary
- Benjamin Adams, Benoit Arsenault, « Festival Acadien », École Évangéline
- Abby Scotland, “Canadian Pacific Railroad”, West Royalty

Grade 7

- James Vail, “James Reuben O'Hanley: The Man I Was Named After”, Immanuel Christian School
- Sophia Faccin, “Roots of Healing: Mi'kmaq Traditional Medicine,” Queen Charlotte

Grade 8

- Charlotte Clueys, “History of Ingleside”, Gulf Shore
- Monja Eygelaar, “Mona Parsons: Bravery History Almost Forgot”, Immanuel Christian School

Grade 9

- Cohen Hammill, « L'église St. Augustine », Gulf Shore
- Vince Eliot, Sophia Jumaquio, Khate Abad, “Shubenacadie Residential School”, M.E. Callaghan

Honourable Mention

- Tayler Wardrope, “Dangerous Times”, Homeschool Group

Special Prizes & Recipients

Organization	Theme	Winner(s)
4H PEI Provincial Council	PEI 4H or Rural Life	Olivia Martell, "Maud Lewis", Georgetown Elementary
Archives Council of PEI	Best use of archival, primary sources, or oral history	Ada Leggott, "Benjamin Chappell", Immanuel Christian School
Benevolent Irish Society	Irish or Celtic history – 3 prizes	(1) Lydia MacKay, "RMS Titanic", Gulf Shore (2) Amalia Barbosa, "Canada: A Country of Migration", Stonepark (3) John Mokler, "Les Vikings", Sherwood Elementary
Black Cultural Society of PEI	Black history	Ellie Arsenault, "The Canadian Underground Railway", Summerside Intermediate
Canadian Parents for French	Immersion student presenting in French – 3 prizes	(1) Lucy Gillis, "Dr. John Gillis et Gillis Lodge", Spring Park Elementary (2) Callum MacLaine, "Les Deux Frères: MacLaine vs. MacLean", Gulf Shore (3) Nicolas Park, "La Guerre coreen et les contributions canadiennes", Colonel Grey
City of Charlottetown	Aspect of Charlottetown's history	Sophia Guanzon, "St. Dunstan's Cathedral Basilica", West Royalty Elementary
Comité historique Soeur-Antoinette-DesRoches	Acadian history and heritage	(1) Benjamin Adams and Benoît Arsenault, Grade 6, École Évangeline for the "Le Festival Acadien" (2) Faith Brine, "La Drapeau d'Acadie", Spring Park Elementary
Community Museums Association of PEI	Local or community history; best use of community museum resources - 3 prizes	(1) Harper MacDonald, "PEI Province House", Mt. Stewart Consolidated (2) Phoenix Labobe, "Point Prim Lighthouse", Parkdale Elementary (3) Lydia MacKay, "RMS Titanic", Gulf Shore
Confederation Centre of the Arts	Legacies of Canadian History and Heritage	Henry Davis, "North American Beaver", Morell Consolidated
Culture Summerside	History of Summerside, or project by a Summerside student	Adrien Steele, Arkhiel Karl Honrado, Geordie Schell, "D-Day", Summerside Intermediate
Dept of Fisheries, Tourism, Sport & Culture: Sports, Recreation & Physical Activity	Sports history	KJ Stewart, "1968 – 1971 Islanders", Spring Park Elementary
Dept of Fisheries, Tourism, Sport &	Built heritage / heritage places / architecture	Sophia Guanzon, "St. Dunstan's Cathedral Basilica", West Royalty Elementary

Culture: Heritage Places		
Farm & Food Care PEI	Agricultural History and/or Food Production	Nora Policelli, "Farming", L.M. Montgomery
Immigrant & Refugee Services Association of PEI	Newcomers to Canada/PEI	Chelsey Pelias, "What Philippines and PEI Have in Common", L.M. Montgomery
L.M. Montgomery Institute	Lucy Maud Montgomery	Freya Gallant, "Who is Lucy Maud Montgomery?", Gulf Shore
L'Nuey	Indigenous culture and history -- 3 prizes	(1) Kiara Coade, "My Sensational Senior: The Hon. Senator Brian Francis", Eliot River Elementary (2) Edwin Campbell, Creed Tuplin, "Traditional Hunting and Fishing", John J. Sark Memorial School (3) Mariah Bernard, "Beading", John J. Sark Memorial School
Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI	Indigenous culture or history – 3 prizes	(1) Lincoln Lewis, Dryden Sark-Duskey, "Sacred Medicines", John J. Sark Memorial School (2) Miah Andrew Lush, "Residential School", West Royalty Elementary (3) Cam MacIsaac, "Mawikwayk - Together We Are Strong", West Royalty Elementary
Music PEI	Music history	Owen Toms, "Why is Leonard Cohen important to Canada?", Georgetown Elementary
Native Council of PEI	Indigenous culture or history	Kiara Coade, "My Sensational Senior: The Hon. Senator Brian Francis", Eliot River Elementary
Newcomer Prize	For a newcomer student participating in the Provincial Heritage Fair (new to PEI and/or new to Canada)	Chelsey Pelias, "What Philippines and PEI Have in Common", L.M. Montgomery
Orwell Corner Historic Village Board of Directors	Rural life / agricultural history	Logan Pollock, "Draft Horses", Donagh Regional School
Parks Canada	In recognition of the best heritage fair project(s) portraying the history of PEI National Park or a person, place or event of national historic significance.	(1) Ryan Fitzpatrick, "RCMP", Birchwood (2) Ally Myers, "Terry Fox's Impact on Canada", Belfast Consolidated
PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women	Two Prizes. (1) project focused on "Uncovering Hidden Heritage" for any diversity project focused on	(1) Nicole Bootsma, "Women's Suffrage in Canada", Immanuel Christian School (2) Syrianna De Sousa, "Ethel Catherwood",

	under-represented heritage; (2) project on theme of gender equality.	Belfast Consolidated
PEI Federation of Agriculture	Agricultural theme	Logan Pollock, "Draft Horses", Donagh Regional School
PEI Home & School Federation	Family heritage - 2 prizes	(1) Felicity MacDonald "The Good & Happy Life of My Old Nanny", Eliot River Elementary (2) Ezra Arsenault, "Orella Arsenault: Predestined to be a Teacher", Homeschool Group
PEI Human Rights Commission	Truth & Reconciliation, Human Rights, etc. – 2 prizes	(1) Valentina Morales-Diaz, "Jackie Shane", Parkdale Elementary (2) Molly Mitchell, "Social Justice and Human Rights Past Present and Future", East Wiltshire Int.
PEI Institute of Agrologists	Project related to the history of agriculture	Sadie Fraser, "PEI Honey", Donagh Regional School
PEI Social Studies Teachers' Association	Historical Thinking	Millie Doucette, "The History of Female Hockey in Canada", St. Louis Elementary
PEI Scottish Settlers' Historical Society	Scottish history; Scottish Genealogy, etc.	Ada Leggott, "Benjamin Chappell", Immanuel Christian School
PEI Union of Public Sector Employee (UPSE)	Labour / Union History or History of Social Issues	Molly Mitchell, "Social Justice and Human Rights Past Present and Future", East Wiltshire Intermediate
PEI Women's Institute	Women's history	Aven Clarie Munroe, "Claire Wallace, une femme extraordinaire", École François-Buote
Town of Stratford	Stratford history, or project by a Stratford student	Julia MacAleer, Ronni Grace Martin, "North Nova Scotia Highlanders", Colonel Grey
UPEI Department of History	1 – History of the fisheries 2 – Arts and Culture	(1) Lance Bernard, "Upwest Lobster", M.E. Callaghan (2) Abby Scotland, Canadian Pacific Railroad", West Royalty Elementary

- Since 1997, PEI students have participated in the Heritage Fair program with an annual participation of close to 30 schools and 1,700 students. Students develop heritage fair projects in the classroom and create a written report, visual display and an oral presentation. See CanadasHistory.ca for heritage fair teacher resources and the student guide titled [What's the Story?](#)
- Approximately 170 students move on to represent their schools at the Provincial Heritage Fair each May.
- Several students are selected each year to participate in a video contest by [Canada's History Young Citizens](#).