

Reading Week & I'm Going to UBC prompts for Chapman Story Awards

Submit your story into the annual Chapman Story Awards competition. The writers of the best stories can receive a prize of up to \$500 and showcased on our website. Winners will be announced in late April 2017. Stories will be assessed for how well they:

- Reflect your understanding of community issues
- Demonstrate your connection to a community partner or member
- Show personal growth
- Show creativity and originality
- Make good use of a storytelling blog format with visuals

Submission Guideline

- Follow this link to the submission form
- There you will be able to upload your story as a Word document (include visuals and photos)
- Please name your Word file as "*yourfullname*-chapmanstory"
- Stories must be uploaded by **April 17th, 2017, 11:59PM**

Write your story on one of these prompts:

- What expectations did you have before your placement? What was it actually like?
- What motivated you to volunteer? What benefit did you get out of your experience?
- What was a strength you discovered during your placement? How has it impacted your daily life?

Story Guidelines

- 600 words maximum
- Start with a sentence about yourself (an "author bio")
- Write in the first person (i.e. using "I" and "me")
- Use a storytelling tone – put us in your shoes (or imagine yourself talking to your peers). Think – what is your audience interested in? What will grab our attention?
- As in all writing, make an effort to "show" not "tell." What did you actually do? Describe the details, approach, journey, or process.
- Please do not reveal identities of children and community members from your placement.

Visual Guidelines

- Be creative! Include visuals or photos that capture your experience and story in unique ways. We ask that if any photos are used, none are of children or community members. If you are using images you did not create or take, please ensure you credit the creator.
- While we encourage a submission with visuals, it is not a required component of the competition.