

Manitoba Youth Get Behind the Camera

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This year, the Kaleidoscope Video Challenge is giving globally engaged Manitoba youth the opportunity to use the medium of video to show why they are global citizens.

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation is asking all students between the ages of 8 and 18 to use a cell phone, camera, or video camera to create a short video detailing how they are contributing to the awareness of global issues such as poverty, human rights, climate change, social justice, and the environment.

All students who demonstrate creativity and an awareness of global issues are invited to submit a video less than five minutes long. The video should explain how the students are contributing to changing the world, perhaps by volunteering with a local organization or being an active member of a club at school. The

video is then submitted online for a chance to win a video camera (or equivalent cash prize) and a trip to Ottawa in September 2011 to screen the video and participate in our national youth conference.

Past winning entries have included explorations into the global water shortage and global famine. Members of the Cecil Rhodes School Video Club took a humorous approach to wastage with their 2009 winning entry "It's in the Bag." Students in the photo course at Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute in The Pas won the ages 13-18 category with "The Global Water Shortages," which was a more serious look at the world's rapidly declining water supply.

For more information and to apply, check out www.videochallenge.ca, or contact

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