Write to Ignite
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Write to Ignite (the “Competition”) is an essay writing competition for graduating high school students who are enrolled as a High School Ambassador in the Province of Ontario (the “Participant”). Participants in the Competition are required to write and submit an original typed essay with a maximum of three hundred (300) words on the following theme (“Essay Theme”):

“How would the Chartered Professional Accountant designation help you achieve success in the world of business?”

The Competition is conducted by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (“CPA Ontario”) and is open to all individuals enrolled with CPA Ontario’s High School Ambassador Program (the “HAP”). A Participant must be registered in HAP at CPA Ontario HAP at the time his or her essay is submitted to CPA Ontario to be eligible for the Competition. If the Participant is under the age of majority in the Province of Ontario (eighteen (18) years of age) at the time of registration in HAP, the Participant’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is/are required to provide CPA Ontario with a parental consent which includes a declaration of eligibility, liability release and publicity/privacy release (the “Parental Consent”) before the Submission Deadline (see below). A copy of the Parental Consent can be found HERE. CPA Ontario reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to contact a Participant’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the purpose of verifying the agreement on the Participant’s behalf to the terms and conditions outlined in these Rules and Regulations. If CPA Ontario does not receive the appropriate Parental Consent by the Submission Deadline, the Participant will not be registered in HAP and will not be eligible to participate in the Competition.

Additional information about this Competition can be found on CPA Ontario’s student website

1. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION

1.1 Competition Period, Eligibility and Entry: Participants may enter the Competition between March 26, 2018 at 9 a.m. and May 14, 2018 at 5 p.m. (the “Submission Deadline”). All time references are local times in Toronto, Ontario

To be eligible to enter the Competition, a Participant must:

(i) a graduating full-time student attending high school in Ontario;
(ii) be a member of HAP and submit his or her essay by the Submission Deadline;
(iii) if applicable, submit a Parental Consent to CPA Ontario by the Submission Deadline; and
(iv) submit a maximum three hundred (300) word typed essay of the Participant’s own original work to CPA Ontario on the Essay Theme by the Submission Deadline. All essays must be submitted by e-mail to Tizy Gunaratne at getinvolved@cpaontario.ca and indicate the Participant’s HAP ID and essay name in the subject line and/or body of the email.

1.2 Competition Entry Restriction: To participate in the Competition, a Participant must not be a member of council, director, officer or employee of, or be living with a member of council, director, officer or employee of, or be an immediate family member of a member of council, director, officer or employee of: (i) CPA Ontario, (ii) any of its affiliated companies, or (iii) any of its representatives, agents, or advertising or promotional agencies

2. PRIZES
2.1 **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to three (3) Participants (the “Winners”). The first place Winner will receive a prize of CDN $500, the second place Winner will receive a prize of CDN $250, and the third place Winner will receive a prize of CDN $100. The Winners will be chosen by the CPA Ontario Student Recruitment Team based on research demonstrated, creativity, clarity/language, and adherence to the Essay Theme. Winners will be notified by May 28, 2018, at 5 p.m.

2.2 **Prize Allocation:** Each Winner, in accordance with Section 2.1 above, will be paid by cheque mailed to him or her on or before Friday, June 29, 2018. Each prize must be accepted as awarded. No alternatives, substitution or transfers of prizes will be allowed.

2.3 **Odds of Winning:** The Competition is a skill-based competition and the odds of winning a prize are dependent upon (i) the caliber of the essays received by CPA Ontario, and (ii) the number of Participants participating in the Competition. The number of Participants participating in the Competition is presently unknown.

2.4 **Notification:** Winners will be contacted directly by phone or email by May 28, 2018. The names of the Winners and the high schools at which they attend may be published on (i) CPA Ontario’s website, (ii) CPA Ontario’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/CPAOntario, (iii) on CPA Ontario’s Twitter account at @CPA_Ontario (iv) third party media releases, and (v) CPA Ontario’s e-newsletters and internal publications.

3. **GENERAL RULES**

3.1 All essays submitted to CPA Ontario for the Competition become the property of CPA Ontario, and will not be returned to the Participants.

3.2 CPA Ontario reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject and disqualify any essay deemed offensive and/or inappropriate (as determined by CPA Ontario), or that does not meet any or all of the eligibility criteria listed in section 1 above.

3.3 All winning and non-winning essays will be destroyed on or before June 30, 2018.

3.4 All decisions of CPA Ontario with respect to this Competition are final.

3.5 CPA Ontario may require proof of identity or eligibility (in a form acceptable to CPA Ontario) from a Participant. Failure to provide such proof in a timely manner may result in disqualification of the Participant by CPA Ontario, in its sole discretion.

3.6 CPA Ontario reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend the Competition, or to amend these Rules and Regulations without prior notice or obligation, in the event of any accident, printing, administrative, or other error of any kind.

3.7 By participating in the Competition, each Participant (or, if the Participant is under the age of eighteen (18), his/ her parent(s) or legal guardian(s)) agrees that CPA Ontario, and each of its affiliates, representatives or agents, shall have the right and permission to use the Participant’s name, voice, city/province of residence, photograph or likeness, for advertising or trade or any
other purpose in any media or format now or hereafter known without further compensation, permission or notification.

3.8 By entering this Competition, each Participant (or, if the Participant is under the age of eighteen (18), his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s)) forever releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless CPA Ontario, its affiliates, representatives, agents, advertising and promotional agencies, members of council, directors, officers and employees, from and against any and all injuries, liability, losses or damages of any kind arising in connection with the Participant’s participation in this Competition or his or her acceptance, use or misuse of a prize in connection with this Competition.

3.9 CPA Ontario assumes no responsibility for failure of CPA Ontario’s website before, during or after, the promotional period for the Competition. CPA Ontario assumes no responsibility for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment, or software, for failure of any e-mail or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to a Participant’s or any other person’s computer or device related to or resulting from registering or downloading any material relating to the Competition. CPA Ontario reserves the right, in its sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to cancel or suspend the online portion of this Competition should a virus, bug or other cause beyond the reasonable control of CPA Ontario corrupt the security or proper administration of the Competition. Any attempt to deliberately damage any website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this Competition may be a violation of criminal or civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, CPA Ontario reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law, including criminal prosecution. CPA Ontario is not responsible for any errors or omissions in promoting or administering this Competition.

3.10 By entering this Competition, each Participant (or, if the Participant is under the age of eighteen (18), his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s)) consents to CPA Ontario, and its advertising promotional agencies, storing and using the personal information that the Participant submitted for the purpose of administering this Competition.

3.11 All intellectual property used by CPA Ontario in connection with the promotion or administration of this Competition, including without limitation, all official marks, trademarks, trade names, logos, designs, promotional materials, web pages, source code, drawings, illustrations, slogans and representations are owned (or licensed, as the case may be) by CPA Ontario or its affiliates. All rights are reserved. Unauthorized copying or use of any such intellectual property without the express written consent of its owner is strictly prohibited.

3.12 These Rules and Regulations govern this Competition and must be followed, and by agreeing to participate in this Competition, each Participant (or, if the Participant is under the age of eighteen (18), his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s)) agrees to comply with, and be bound by these Rules and Regulations.

3.13 In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the terms and conditions of these Rules and Regulations and disclosures or other statements contained in any Competition-related materials, including but not limited to, the Competition entry form or point of sale, television, print or online advertising, the terms and conditions of these Rules and Regulations shall prevail, govern and control.
3.14 This Competition is subject to all applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

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