





THE OPPORTUNITY:

The National Club, founded in 1874, is located at 303 Bay Street in the heart of downtown Toronto's business district, with a membership comprised of Canada's **current and future business leaders**.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, in an effort to provide an opportunity to **the next generation of leaders** and to give back, **The National Club** initiated an annual program offering a **one year club membership/scholarship for a graduating full-time MBA student or students at selected Business Schools throughout Ontario.** We are pleased to announce that **graduating students of the JD/MBA Program** are also invited to participate. The competition has become an annual event at the Club and we are pleased to be expanding participation in the program.

THE COMPETITION:

Students will be invited to submit an essay to **The National Club, Essay Competition, 303 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2R1, or email tvukojevic@thenationalclub.com,** on the pre selected topic, as outlined below. <u>The deadline for submission is Friday March 18, 2016</u>!

The students with the top **essays**, as judged by the nominating committee, will be **invited to meet for a very informal meeting** with the nominating committee. Of those students interviewed, a student or students judged to have a combination of a written essay along with a personal style which best exemplifies the character of The National Club, will be **awarded a one year membership commencing on May 2, 2016** and will be recognized at one of the Club's special events. We do not have a set number of students who will be awarded the one year membership, although it has tended to be four or five students. While ideally, we would like to award one membership per participating school, this is not always the case. Students are judged on the quality of their submissions and their personal style and not on any pre-designed formula. In some years we have had two students from one school and none from another.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE:

The ideal candidate communicates well, engages easily with business leaders, shows a genuine commitment to professional success, demonstrates confidence and maturity, and takes a balanced approach to life.

THE ESSAY QUESTION:

What does the ROI of National Club Membership mean to me?

Students are asked to provide between **500 to 750 word essay describing how membership at the National Club pays off.** This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate how well they understand the purpose of a downtown business club and how relevant it can be for their professional development. Students will be evaluated on both content and style.

If you have questions, please contact **Tanja Vukojevic, Membership Director, The National Club at 416-364-3247 or tvukojevic@thenationalclub.com.** Thank you for your interest and we look forward to receiving your submission.

"The National Club offers its members and guests a private, downtown enclave rich in relationships, a celebrated heritage and unrivalled service"

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