

# CWSF 2018 - Ottawa, Ontario



## Susan MacInnis

### Accuracy of Eyewitness Testimony

**Challenge:** Discovery

**Category:** Intermediate

**Region:** Cape Breton

**City:** Frenchvale, NS

**School:** Riverview High School

**Abstract:** This project investigates three major aspects related to the reliability of eyewitness testimony. The three aspects were: suspect identification, suspect description, and the level of confidence each participant had in their identification. This project is meant to show the amount of people who could possibly be convicted because of incorrect eyewitness testimony.

#### Biography

My name is Susan MacInnis, and I am from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. I am in grade 10 and love to read, write, dance, and play recreational tennis. Winning first place in my regional science fair is my most significant academic achievement. In the future my eventual goal is to become a lawyer. I am thankful to have chosen a project that genuinely interests me and had a connection with what to do I would like to do in the future. To further my project I would like to test more participants to ensure increased levels of accuracy. In addition, I would like to investigate whether or not a certain age group and/or gender was more as an eyewitness.

#### Awards

#### Value

Excellence Award - Intermediate - Gold Medal Sponsor: Youth Science Canada	
Challenge Award - Discovery - Intermediate Sponsor: Youth Science Canada	
Western University Scholarship Gold Medallist - \$4000 Entrance Scholarship Sponsor: Western University	\$4 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4 000</b>