

Native Women, Youth in Ag writing competition

The 2011 Native Women and Youth in Agriculture annual writing competition is seeking essay submissions.

The essay topic is: What should Indian agriculture look like 25 years from now?

An approach to the project would be to research and talk to elders about what the past 25 years of agriculture were like, and then write about what you think the next 25 years will be like.

The deadline to submit essays is 5 p.m. on Nov. 4.

Who is eligible? Young Native American women and men who are in grades 9-12 this fall. Graduates of May-August 2011 are also eligible to enter.

Contestants must be a member of a federally recognized tribe.

Winners and prizes

Three finalists will be announced the second week of

November, and provided with an all-expense paid trip (including one chaperone) to the 2011 Intertribal Agriculture Council annual meeting in Las Vegas, on Dec. 5-9.

Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the awards luncheon and will serve as Ag ambassadors in 2011-12.

Each finalist is required to read a short introduction and their original essay at the awards luncheon.

Guidelines

Length: 3-6 pages; 3-5 sentences about yourself; typed, one-inch margins, double spaced, 12-point font; 3-5 sources.

Judging Criteria: Creativity, quality of sources, quality of grammar, spelling and punctuation, organization of information, length of entry, documentation of sources (3-5 sources

required).

Appropriate information for the topic: solution driven, not issue-driven information.

All entries must be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the student's name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending and tribal affiliation.

Send essay submission to: Native Women & Youth in Ag - c/o Vicki Hebb, executive director

P.O. Box 217
Cherry Creek, SD 57622

Email: vicki.hebb@indianaglink.com
Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/04/2011) or emailed (re: NWYIA Essay Contest)

Phone: 605-964-4342. The contest is sponsored by USDA Office of the Secretary-Tribal Relations and Intertribal Agriculture Council.

Bowling bash to benefit MHS girls hoops team

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