

2010 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition

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ESSAY TOPIC: "Do Your Reservation Farmers & Ranchers Feed You?"

(What food items are grown/produced on your reservation? Are those items sold on your reservation? What are the advantages & disadvantages of buying food locally?)

DEADLINE: 5:00 PM (MST) NOVEMBER 5, 2010

Who Is Eligible? Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2010. Graduates of May-August 2010 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe**.

Winners & Prizes: Three (3) finalists will be announced the second week of November 2010 & provided an all-expense paid trip (including one (1) chaperone) to the 2010 Intertribal Agriculture Council & Indian Nations Conservation Alliance annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 6-10, 2010. Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the Awards Luncheon & will serve as Ag Ambassadors in 2010/2011. Each finalist is required to read a short introduction and an abstract of their essay at the Awards Luncheon.

Guidelines:

- 3-6 pages in length
- 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 & Punctuation
- ✓ Organization of information
- ✓ Length of entry
- ✓ Documentation of Sources (3-5 sources required)
- ✓ Appropriate information for the topic: solution driven (researched criteria) 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 & Tribal affiliation.

Send Essay Submission to:

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Note: all entries will be used in future publications & for PR purposes



2009 Essay Finalists posing with 4-time NFR qualifier, Joey Bell Jr., World Champion Bullfighter, Rob Smets, 2008 & 2009 INFR Announcer of the year, Ray Champ & 6-time INFR World Champion Saddle Bonc Rider, Marty Hebb at the Awards Luncheon photo op.

Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/05/2010) or emailed (re: NWYIA ESSAY CONTEST)