

2011 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition

Sponsored By: USDA Office of the Secretary-Tribal Relations and Intertribal Agriculture Council.

ESSAY TOPIC: "What Should Indian Agriculture Look Like 25 Years From Now?"

(Research & talk to your elders about what the past 25 years of agriculture was like and then write about what you think the next 25 years will be like.)

DEADLINE: 5:00 PM (MST) NOVEMBER 4, 2011

Who Is Eligible? Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2011. Graduates of May-August 2011 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 2011 & provided an all-expense paid trip (including one (1) chaperone) to the 2011 Intertribal Agriculture Council annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 5-9, 2011. Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the Awards Luncheon & will serve as Ag Ambassadors in 2011/2012. Each finalist is required to read a short introduction and their original 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



2010 Essay Finalists posing with 2010 INFR All-Around Champion, Joe Wilson, 6-time INFR World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, Marty Hebb, 4-time NFR qualifier, Derrick Begay & 2008, 2009, 2010 INFR Announcer of the year, Ray Champ at the Awards Luncheon photo op.

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

Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/04/2011) or emailed (**re: NWYIA ESSAY CONTEST**)