

The Intertribal Agriculture Council Presents the:

2013 Youth Essay Contest

Perseverance + Sustainability = Food Security
Feeding Ourselves in a Rapidly Changing World



WIN an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas!

The 2013 Youth Essay Contest for Native American Youth enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe and entering grades 9-12 during the 2013-2014 school-year. This is a great opportunity for youth to showcase their writing talents. See reverse for writing guidelines.



Contest Deadline is 4 pm (MST) November 1, 2013

Enter your essay two ways: (Include contact info from back page)

1) Send a hardcopy to:
IAC Essay Contest
PO Box 136
Browning, MT 59417

2) Send electronically to:
iacessaycontest@outlook.com

Intertribal Agriculture Council Youth Essay Contest Information

The IAC will provide an all-expense paid trip to 3 finalists including one adult chaperone per student. Finalists will present their written work at the 2013 IAC Membership Meeting at the Flamingo Las Vegas, NV, December 9-13, 2013. Youth and chaperone will be expected to arrive in Las Vegas on Monday, December 9 and depart Friday, December 13th. Deadline is 4pm (MST) on November 1, 2013. Finalists will be notified and travel arrangements made by November 15th, 2013.

Theme: "Perseverance + Sustainability = Food Security: Feeding Ourselves in a Rapidly Changing World"

In your own words, define all three words (perseverance, sustainability & security) from a food and agriculture perspective and what do they mean to you?

Tell us who you are, where you come from and your family's involvement in agriculture/food production (either now or in the past). Share the story of how your ancestors survived and how they continue their way of life today. Make sure your essay includes how they survived and fed themselves.

- What did they do throughout their history that helped them to continue in agriculture and in feeding their families and communities?
- What have you learned from your ancestors that will help you and future generations of your family to assure a secure livelihood and continue in agriculture?
- What do you think you need to do to continue and thrive in agriculture today?
- How can you help your Tribal leadership achieve food security?

Essay Guidelines: 3-6 pages in length, typed, double spaces, 12-point font, one inch margins

Judging Criteria: Organization of information, spelling and punctuation, quality of grammar and length of entry.

Contact Verna Billedeaux at (406) 338-2650/(406) 450-8107 or Janie Simms-Hipp at (479) 409-9125.

(All entries must include the following information)

Youth Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Tribe: _____ School: _____

Chaperone Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Tribe: _____
Closest Airport & Mileage to Airport: _____
OR Roundtrip mileage to Las Vegas: _____

Note: All entries will be used in future publications & for public relation purposes.