

The Intertribal Agriculture Council presents the:

2014 Youth Essay Contest

“Feeding the Future &
Filling the Age Gap in Indian Agriculture”



WIN an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas!

The 2014 Youth Essay Contest for Native American Youth enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe and entering grades 9-12 during the 2014-2015 school-year. This is a great opportunity for youth to showcase their writing talents. See reverse for writing guidelines.



2013 IAC Membership Meeting

Native Youth Essay Winners (left to right)

- Sadye Rae Small – Crow Tribe
- Chance Ty Crutcher – Paiute Tribe
- Savannah Hope Harrison – Choctaw Nation

Contest Deadline is 4 pm (MST) November 1, 2014

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

OR

2) Send electronically to:
iacessaycontest@outlook.com

Intertribal Agriculture Council Youth Essay Contest Information

The IAC will provide an all-expense paid trip for 3 finalists including one adult chaperone per student. Finalists will present their written work at the 2014 IAC Membership Meeting at the Flamingo Las Vegas, NV, December 8-12, 2014. Youth and chaperone will be expected to arrive in Las Vegas on Monday, December 8 and depart Friday, December 12th. **Deadline is 4pm (MST) on November 1, 2014.**

Theme: “Feeding the Future & Filling the Age Gap in Indian Agriculture”

To help you address the essay topic, we provide the following statistics according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture: (visit IAC’s Youth page at www.IndianAgLink.com/youth/ for additional data

- American Indian Reservations report there are 72,000 Native Americans producing about 3.2 billion dollars in raw products;
- 74% of those producers receive less than \$10,000 annually from the sale of agriculture products
- Less than 9% are younger than 35 years of age and
- 28% are older than 65 years of age.

As you write your essay, consider these questions:

- What does all of this mean to you?
- What could you do to fill the age gap?
- How would you increase the knowledge of youth about the important role agriculture plays in everyday life on your reservation or in your tribal community?
- How could you get more youth involved in agriculture?
- How could you increase the ability to feed ourselves from products we are growing and providing a safe, stable food supply?

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.

CHECKLIST - All submitted entries must include the following information:

- ___ Date of Birth
- ___ Address
- ___ Phone
- ___ Email
- ___ Tribe
- ___ School
- ___ Chaperone Name
- ___ Signed Youth Essay Contest Release Form (see attached)

Note: All entries will be used in future publications & for public relation purposes. Don’t forget to send/fax the Youth Essay Contest Release Form (406-256-9980). Finalists will be notified and travel arrangements made by November 15th, 2014.

For more information, contact:

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

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