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2019 Call for Submissions

January 15, 2019

Saskatchewan First Nations
Saskatchewan Tribal Councils
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)
FSIN Institutions
Saskatchewan First Nation Schools

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: 9th Annual SICC Short Story Writing Contest for Students

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) promotes First Nations' language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nations children to write in First Nations' languages, SICC launched an annual book writing contest in 2011. In 2017, the SICC changed the book writing contest to a short story writing contest. SICC will create books from the submissions.

This short story writing contest is open for students from grades K to 12. Short stories must be written in a First Nations language with an English translation and have a First Nations cultural theme. Entries will be reviewed by the Short Story Writing Contest Committee and will select the winning books based on creativity and originality. The short story may contain illustrations but is not necessary as illustrations will be provided for the winning story. The winner will be announced at the 2019 SICC First Nations Language Keepers Gathering in November 2019. SICC wishes the best of luck to this year's entrants.

The deadline for the 2019 SICC Annual Short Story Writing Contest is Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm CST. All applicants will be notified within 15 days indicating the results of their submission. If you require further information or have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wanda Wilson".

Wanda Wilson
President





2019 Annual Short Story Writing Contest

Key Dates

(subject to change)

The Annual Short Story Contest Call for Submissions will be mid-January 2019. The call for submissions will be faxed to Tribal Councils, First Nations band offices, First Nations institutions and pertinent school divisions.

The 2019 SICC Short Story Writing Contest deadline for submissions is June 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm CST. SICC will not accept submissions after this date.

A review of the submissions and decisions of the winner(s) will occur the week of June 17-21, 2019. The SICC Short Story Writing Contest Committee will review all submissions and choose the winners.

The winners will be notified after the SICC Short Story Writing Contest Committee meets. SICC will notify all contacts of the submissions of the results of the decision of the Committee. The first place winner will receive \$500 and 20 copies of their published book at the FNLKG. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.

The 2019 SICC Short Story Writing Contest winners' books will be created during the 2019 summer months. The winning books will be created by SICC staff for release at the 2019 SICC FNLKG.

The 2019 SICC Short Story Writing Contest first place winner will attend the 2019 SICC FNLKG on November 6-7, 2019 to launch their book. The first place winner will be invited to attend the 2019 SICC FNLKG to introduce themselves, their book, read it and sign copies of their book.

The winners will be announced on the first day of the 2019 SICC FNLKG on November 6, 2019. The winners of the contest will be announced at the FNLKG as well as on SICC website and social media.



2019 Annual Short Story Writing Contest

Contest Description

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) proudly promotes Saskatchewan wide First Nations' language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nation children to write in their First Nations' languages, SICC launched an annual book writing contest in 2011. In 2017, the SICC changed the book writing contest to a short story writing contest. From the winning short story submissions, SICC will create books from the submissions. The deadline for the contest is June 15, 2019 to create a short story for the contest and the winner will be announced at the 2019 First Nations Language Keepers Gathering (FNLKG).

This annual short story writing contest is open to Saskatchewan First Nations students from grades K-12. The books must be original fiction, written in a First Nations language along with an English translation. If illustrations are not included, SICC will provide illustrations. The first place winner will receive a \$500 cheque and 20 copies of their published book and honored on the first day of the 2019 SICC FNLKG to launch their book. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.

Contest Goals and Objectives

Goals	Objectives
Promote First Nations language development, revitalization and retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link the FNLKG to youth by including them in writing and speaking in their First Nations languages • Saskatchewan First Nations youth are encouraged to use their imaginations and create a book written in their First Nations language • Saskatchewan First Nations youth are encouraged to speak the words as they write as this provides another form of language retention to inspire students to become fluent speakers
Promote First Nations intergenerational transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saskatchewan First Nations youth are encouraged to approach Elders or Knowledge Keepers with proper protocol to learn stories and obtain inspiration for their own stories • Help in the promotion of healthy and positive First Nations youth

Contest Guidelines

1. Submissions must be from Saskatchewan First Nations students in grades K-12.
2. Students may submit as an individual, a small group or class.
3. Students may enlist the help of their families or educators.
4. Submissions must be written in a Saskatchewan First Nations language along with English translations.
5. Stories must be original from the student(s) and have a First Nations cultural theme.
6. SICC will ensure the First Nations language is corrected to SRO.
7. Incomplete submissions will not be considered as winner(s).
8. Submissions must be received by June 30, 2018 by 4:00 pm CST.
9. There will be a first and second place winner.
10. The winner will receive \$500, 20 copies of their published book and will be invited to launch their book at the SICC FNLKG. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.
11. Illustrations will be accepted but are not necessary.

12. The student(s) retain ownership of the short stories (copyright).
13. SICC obtains reproductions rights of the books created from the short stories.
14. All original material including the story and/or illustrations will be returned to the student.

Information Required

1. Contact Name (must be an adult)
2. Contact Name email address
3. Contact Name address
4. Contact Name phone number
5. Name of the student(s) of the submission
6. Grade(s) of student(s) of the submission
7. School name of student(s) of the submission
8. School Address (street, city, province, postal code) of the submission

Notes

The Short Story Writing Contest Committee reserves the right to request modifications or ensure the spelling and/or grammar of the First Nations language is correct. The winner will be advised of the committee's decisions within 15 days of the deadline. The SICC will work with the student(s) for the final book before publication. SICC will honour the writing system of the community.

Send entries to:

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SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre promotes First Nations' language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nation children to write in First Nations' languages, SICCC has launched an annual short story writing contest.

- Open to students from Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Create an original short story in a First Nations' language (an English translation must be provided as well) with a First Nations cultural storyline.
- Submissions must be received by June 15, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.
- The first place winner will receive \$500 and 20 copies of the published book. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.

Entries will be reviewed and judged by the Short Story Writing Contest Committee and will select the winning stories based on creativity and originality. The book may contain illustrations but this is not necessary. Illustrations may be provided by SICCC for the winning stories selected.

The winners of the contest will be announced at the First Nations' Language Keepers Gathering on November 6, 2019.

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