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2021 Call for Submissions

January 15, 2021

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

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: SICC 11th 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 their First Nations language, SICC issues a call to the short story writing contest. SICC creates the books from the winning submissions.

This short story writing contest is open to 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 are reviewed by the Short Story Writing Contest Committee and selects winners based on creativity and originality. Illustrations are appreciated but not necessary. The winners will be announced at the 2021 SICC First Nations Language Keepers Gathering (FNLKG).

The deadline is June 30, 2021 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 Melody Wood at melody.wood@sicc.sk.ca.

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Jessie Sylvestre
Interim President



2021 SICC Annual Short Story Writing Contest

Key Dates

(subject to change)

The Annual Short Story Contest Call for Submissions is mid-January 2021. The call for submissions is faxed to Tribal Councils, First Nations band offices, First Nations institutions and pertinent school divisions.

The 2021 SICC Short Story Writing Contest deadline for submissions is June 30, 2021 at 4:00 pm CST. SICC will not accept submissions after this date.

A review of the submissions and decisions of the winner(s) occurs the week of July 5-9, 2021. The SICC Short Story Writing Contest Committee reviews all submissions and chooses the winners.

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

The 2021 SICC Short Story Writing Contest winners' books is created during the 2021 summer months. The winning books are created by SICC staff for release at the 2021 SICC FNLKG.

The 2021 SICC Short Story Writing Contest first place winner attends the 2021 SICC FNLKG on November 3-4, 2021 to launch their book. The first-place winner is invited to attend the 2021 SICC FNLKG to introduce themselves and read their book.

The winners are announced the first day of the 2020 SICC FNLKG on November 3, 2021. The winners of the contest are announced at the FNLKG as well as on SICC website and social media.



2021 Annual Short Story Writing Contest

Contest Description

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) promotes First Nations language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nation children to write in their First Nations languages, SICC launched a short story writing contest. From the winning short story submissions, SICC creates books. The deadline for the contest is June 30, 2021 and the winners are announced at the 2021 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 \$500 and 20 copies of their published book and honored over the noon hour on the first day of the 2021 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• Encourage Saskatchewan First Nations youth to use their imaginations and create a book written in their First Nations language• Encourage Saskatchewan First Nations youth 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">• Encourage Saskatchewan First Nations youth 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 from a member in their community.
7. Incomplete submissions will not be considered as winner(s).
8. Submissions must be received by June 30 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 invited to launch their book at the SICC FNLKG. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.
11. Illustrations are accepted but 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. SICC works with the student(s) before publication. SICC honours the writing system of the community.

Send entries to:

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