



LEGENDS AND HEROES

THE 4TH ANNUAL LCE WRITING AND ART CHALLENGE
FOR LAKOTA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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ABOUT THE 4TH ANNUAL LCE WRITING AND ART CHALLENGE

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IS THERE SOMEONE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET? DID A PERSON IN RECENT OR DISTANT HISTORY HAVE A HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE OR CULTURE? IS THERE A LEGEND OR A HERO (PAST OR PRESENT) WHO INSPIRES YOU?

- **What's a "legend?"** According to the dictionary, it's a story from the past that is believed by many people but cannot be proved to be true OR a famous or important person who is known for doing something.
- **What's a "hero," or the female version, a "heroine?"** He or she is a person of any age who inspires you!

Make sure your entry conveys why you have chosen the Lakota legend or hero AND why you think that person is important. Inspire us!

THE WRITING CHALLENGE

FORMAT: Write a letter to your hero (male or female), or a poem about a legend or hero. Letters, poems, spoken word submissions are all acceptable and can be written in anyone's voice- get creative — video submissions are permitted but not required.

The following **three age categories** will be judged separately and anonymously:

- **Middle School:** Grades 5 through 8; 700 word maximum - GRAND PRIZE: \$250
- **High School:** Grades 9 through 12; 750 word maximum - GRAND PRIZE: \$350
- **Young Adult:** Ages 17-24; 750 word maximum - GRAND PRIZE: \$350

Schools of the GRAND PRIZE WINNERS of the Writing Challenge will receive a \$1,000 grant for materials for the school-only schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation are eligible for this award.

THE ART CHALLENGE

FORMAT: Create an original drawing, painting or multimedia piece of art piece related to your legend or hero — which conveys a message either through symbolism or words. Do you have a favorite quote from your legend or hero? What does your legend or stand for?

Digital copies may be submitted by email. Entries may be drawn in colored pencil, pencil, pen, or markers. Materials used to create the entry are less important than drawing itself and its message.

The following **two age categories** will be judged separately and anonymously:

- **Young Artists:** Ages 11-15 - GRAND PRIZE: \$250
- **Experienced Artists:** Ages 16-24 - GRAND PRIZE: \$350

OFFICIAL RULES All entries must be submitted electronically by 11:59 PM on February 16, 2016 through the ONLINE ENTRY FORM on our website or by emailing: INFO@LAKOTACHILDREN.ORG. Entrants must be residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation and able to prove their residency to the satisfaction of the judges. Young Adults and Experienced Artists who reside on the Pine Ridge Reservation and attend school full-time off the reservation are *eligible* to enter.

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