



Middle School Writing Contest

Submission deadline – August 21, 2019

The Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NASeA) and the Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA) are announcing the annual middle school student writing contest open to all students of North America.

No matter who we are, no matter where we live and no matter what life we choose to lead, we are all Nepali in one way or another. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are shaped and influenced by our Nepali culture and tradition, which has evolved over thousands of years. Our roots lead us deeper to Nepal and nurture us through nutrient of Nepali culture and tradition.

The goal of this contest is to increase awareness of Nepali culture in order to preserve our culture and ultimately gain a better understanding of ourselves.

Title: My Competition Experience – Showcasing Nepal

Write about your memory of participating in a competition at your school, club or organization and showcasing Nepal. By participating in that competition, what did you learn? Elaborate about preparation, competitor, event and the result.

(Guideline: The Memoir should discuss about your experience of participate in a competition in North America)

Awards & Recognitions:

The first, second and third place winner will be awarded a prize of US \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively, along with an award certificate. The top three essays will also be published in NASeA's upcoming *Yeti View Point* magazine. The winners will be honored during NASeA/ANMA Joint Convention during Labor Day Weekend 2019 in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Awards for the middle school writing contest is personally sponsored by **Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota and Ms. Sabina Sapkota** of Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to all North American Region middle school students (Grades 6– 8) enrolled in 2019-2020.
2. All essays must reflect the contestant's own research and originality in writing.
3. Limit one submission per student.
4. Essay must be submitted online before deadline to all Judging Committee members.

Essay specification:

1. Written in English language.
2. Student's name, photo, email address and day-time phone number must appear at the top of the essay.

3. Document **limits to 600 – 700 words**. All words, except title and bibliography will be counted towards the word limits.
4. Type using MS-Word, double-spaced and page numbered.
5. Submit in MS-Word format to Judging Committee Chair and carbon copy to all committee members.

Timeline:

1. **Essay submission deadline – Wednesday, August 21, 2019.**
2. Winner notification – August 23, 2018.
3. Winners recognition – During cultural program of NASEA/ANMA joint convention.

Judging criteria:

1. Scope of research (20%)
2. Organization of content (15%)
3. Originality (20%)
4. Logic development (10%)
5. Spelling and grammar (10%)
6. Clarity and sincerity of thoughts (10%)
7. Completeness (15%)

A panel of official essay contest committee will conduct judging. The committee's decision will be the final decision.

The judging committee

- Dr. Sushama Pradhan, NC – Chair: spradhan@gmail.com
- Dr. Narayan Dhakal, MN – Co-Chair: dhakal.contact@gmail.com
- Dr. Rajendra Shakya, FL – Member: rajendrashakya0@gmail.com
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