



Writing Competition Rules and Guidelines

1. The writing competition is open to all American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled in Grade 6 through Grade 12, during the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Entries should relate to the theme *Bringing Honor Through Education*. The entries should reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth.
3. Entry for the writing category will be submitted in the following format.
 - Personal narrative
 - 1-2 pages, double spaced, 12 point font
 - Typed (any hard-to-read submissions will not be accepted)
4. Personal narrative will be judged on the following criteria.
 - Originality/creativity/relationship of work to the theme, *Bringing Honor Through Education*, and the importance of pursuing an education for American Indian and Alaska Native students
 - Style (use of artistic decisions to convey meaning effectively)
 - Technical grasp of language (correct use of grammar, punctuation, language, etc.)
5. One entry is allowed per person. Entries will be divided into three grade categories.
 - Grade 6 through Grade 8
 - Grade 9 through Grade 10
 - Grade 11 through Grade 12
6. All personal narratives must be registered online at <http://kids.indianeducation.org/sac> or by calling the toll free number (866) 259-0060 to receive a registration confirmation number. Entries received without a registration confirmation number or with an incomplete form will not be accepted.
7. All submissions must be postmarked on or before **January 29, 2010** and mailed to:
2010 Student Artist Competition
Kauffman & Associates, Inc.
165 S. Howard Ave., Suite 200
Spokane, WA 99201
8. Winners will be announced in March 2010. Kauffman & Associates, Inc. will screen the student writing entries and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education will determine final judging.
9. All submissions must be clearly labeled with the student's name and registration confirmation number on the back of the entry.
10. The participant must be the writer and owner of the narrative submitted to the writing competition. No copyrighted material may be submitted. All entries become the property of the Office of Indian Education. The Office of Indian Education reserves the right to use, publish, or otherwise display the work or permit the work to be used by others.
11. Kauffman & Associates, Inc. will not be responsible for any damage or loss of any entry, although due care and precaution will be taken to ensure its safety.
12. For more information or questions, contact Rayanne Ganuelas with Kauffman & Associates, Inc. toll free at (866) 259-0060 or by email at sac@indianeducation.org.