



ESSAY CONTEST!!!!
INDIGENOUS HEROES
OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

FOR STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 9
CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 23, 2020
YOU CAN ENTER ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN!

Alberta Champions Society is dedicated to recognizing Albertans who have made significant past contributions to our community. This is achieved by placing “Fields of Fame” which are sets of monuments that are installed in Calgary and area. We also know that it is important for all Albertans, but especially our youth to catch the inspiration of these heroes and plan to do their part as well to build a better community.

We have created our THIRD annual indigenous essay contest where students can enter, learn more and be inspired by these Indigenous heroes from our past, and win great prizes! Check out all of the information at <http://albertachampions.org/2019-siksika-contest-winners/> and join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertaChampions/>

A. RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

1. Indigenous students from southern Alberta nations in grades 7-9 are invited to **WRITE AN ESSAY** related to an Indigenous hero of your choice who has made a **lifetime contribution (posthumous)**.

Chief Crowfoot	Chief David Crowchild
Chief Red Crow	James Starlight
Peenaquim	Chief Bullhead
Evelyn Eagle Speaker	Red Crow
Clifford Many Guns	Chief Walking Buffalo
Mary Ann McDougall	Chief John Chiniquay
An elder, chief, or other hero	
of your choice (posthumous)	

2. **How to enter the Essay Contest:**
 - a. Choose **one** indigenous hero who shaped life in Alberta;
 - b. Research the background, accomplishments and impact of the individual;
 - c. You can research through print resources or interview an elder or traditional knowledge keeper and list your references;
 - d. Write an essay (**from 400-800 words**). The essay must address each of the three categories below:
 - Describe this individual’s contributions and incorporate the role the champion played in Alberta’s past and how they stood out as a leader of Indigenous people;
 - Show how the champion’s actions supported the community and were important to shaping present day life in southern Alberta.

- Describe specifically how this individual has inspired you to pursue leadership, citizenship, strive for excellence, volunteer and/or work to “be a hero” in our community today and in the future. Give at least 3 examples.

B. SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

1. Use Word format, not pdf for your essay.
2. Fill in the entry form from the website. www.albertachampions.org
3. Submit the completed entry form and the essay in digital format to info@albertachampions.org
4. **You must submit your entry by April 23, 2020.**

C. JUDGING (rubric available)

Judging of contest entries will be conducted by a committee with a view to measuring

- That the essay includes comprehensive background about the hero, how they stood out as a leader, and how their contribution has impacted our community;
- That the student includes a detailed personal interpretation of how they were inspired by the hero;
- Composition (grammar, spelling, etc.);
- Tone-as a writer, the student has adopted a respectful and appropriate tone.

D. PRIZES (Last year’s winners: <http://albertachampions.org/2018-siksika-contest-winners/>)

Essay Contest Prizes
First Prize: \$300 Visa certificate, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement
Second Prize: \$200 Visa certificate, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement
Third Prize: \$150 Visa certificate, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement
Fourth Prize: \$75 Visa certificate, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement

TEACHER OF EACH WINNING STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A VISA CERTIFICATE FOR \$200

- Winners will be notified by **June 5, 2020**.
- The winning students will be invited to have their work recognized and honoured in the community.
- Decisions of the contest judges are final. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and no substitutions will be available.

“Thank you so much for the opportunity for the Siksika Nation Students participating in the Hero Writing Contest. This was an awesome experience for our students and they enjoyed writing and being able to express themselves on paper while learning to write an essay. More importantly, learning about their heroes and their contribution in Blackfoot history.”

Teacher of past winning student

Thank you for entering our contest!