



SIKSIKA ESSAY CONTEST!!!!
INDIGENOUS HEROES
OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA



FOR STUDENTS GRADES 7 TO 9
CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 19, 2018
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 the Calgary 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 FIRST annual Siksika essay contest where you can enter, learn more about these Indigenous heroes from our past, and win great prizes! Check out all of the information at www.albertachampions.org. and join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertaChampions/>

A. RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

1. Indigenous students from Siksika Nation 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	Teddy Yellow Fly
Chief Red Crow	Clifford Many Guns
Beatrice Poor Eagle	Chief Pretty Young Man Senior
Lila Healy	Tom Three Persons
Mark Wolfleg Senior	Evelyn Eagle Speaker
Margaret Bad Boy	
An elder or chief of your choice	

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 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.

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. Submit your entry by April 19, 2018.

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 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

Essay Contest Prizes
First Prize \$300 certificate to Chinook Centre, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement
Second Prize -\$200certificate to Apple Store, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement
Third Prize: \$150 certificate to Best Buy, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement
Fourth Prize: \$75 certificate to Best Buy, a medal and certificate in recognition of your achievement

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- Winners will be notified by **May 25, 2018**.
- The winning students will be invited to have their work displayed, 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.

Thanks for making this opportunity available to our students. The entries were heartfelt and clearly had us all thinking how we can all make a difference in our community. Teacher L.M.

Thank you so much! I am so pleased that all the judges appreciated the hard work that went into creating my entry. Student winner 2017

Thank you for entering our contest!