

2012 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition

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ESSAY TOPIC: "Are You Currently Involved in Agriculture; If So, How? If Not, What Will it Take to Involve You in Agriculture? What Would it Take to keep You Involved in Agriculture as an Adult?"

(To begin, please read <http://www.cfra.org/ruralmonitor/2012/04/18/shortage-us-farmers-reaching-epidemic-proportions-usda-official> . (This is one of the reasons your feedback on this topic is so important to the NWWYA.)

NO REFERENCES REQUIRED: just YOU.....talk to us!

DEADLINE: 5:00 PM (MST) NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Who Is Eligible? Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2012. Must be a member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe**.

Winners & Prizes: Three (3) finalists will be announced the second full week of November 2012 & provided an all-expense paid trip (including one (1) chaperone) to the 2012 Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Membership Meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 10-13, 2012. Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the Awards Luncheon & will serve as Native Youth Ag Ambassadors in 2012/2013. Each finalist is required to read a short introduction and their original essay at the Awards Luncheon.

Guidelines:

- 3-6 pages in length
- 3-5 sentences about yourself
- Typed
- One-inch margins
- Double spaced
- 12-point font

Judging Criteria:

- ✓ Quality of Grammar
- ✓ Spelling & Punctuation
- ✓ Organization of information
- ✓ Length of entry



2011 Essay Finalists posing with 5-time NFR qualifier, Derrick Begay, 2009 INFR World Champion Bull Rider, Dakota Louis, 6-time INFR World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, Marty Hebb, 2-time World Champion, Joe Wilson, & 2011 NFR qualifier, Erich Rogers.

All entries ***MUST BE ACCOMPANIED*** by the *IAC's Youth & Chaperone form* containing the student's name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending & Tribal affiliation.

Send Essay Submission to:

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Note: all entries will be used in future publications & for PR purposes

Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/05/2012) or emailed (**re: NWWYA ESSAY CONTEST**)