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## 2015 Call for Submissions

January 15, 2015

Saskatchewan First Nations  
Saskatchewan Tribal Councils  
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)  
FSIN Institutions  
Saskatchewan First Nation Schools

To Whom It May Concern:

### RE: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SICC Book Writing Contest for Students

The SICC promotes First Nations' language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nation children to write in First Nations' languages, SICC launched an annual book writing contest in 2011. This contest is open for students from grades K to 12. Entries must be written in a First Nations language with an English translation and have a First Nations cultural theme. Entries will be reviewed and judged by the Book Writing Contest Committee and will select the winning books based on creativity and originality. The book may contain illustrations but is not necessary as illustrations will be provided for the winning story. The 2015 winner will be announced at the 2015 SICC FNLKC in November 2015.

We extend congratulations to the winner of the 2014 Book Writing Contest, a student from the Little Red River School for his winning submission, a Woodland Cree book entitled "*pahkwēsikan*" or "*Making Bannock*." The SICC wishes the best of luck to this year's entrants.

**The deadline for the 2015 SICC Annual Book Writing Contest is June 30, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.** All applicants will be notified by letter within 30 days indicating the results of their submission. If you require further information or have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

**Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Myo".

Dorothy Myo, President



**Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre  
First Nations' Language Keepers Conference  
2015 Annual Book Writing Contest**

**Contest Description**

The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC) proudly promotes Saskatchewan wide First Nations' language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nation children to write in their First Nations' languages, SICC launched an annual book writing contest in 2011. For 2015, First Nations youth will have from January 15 to June 30, 2015 to create their books for the contest and the winner will be announced at the 2015 First Nations' Language Keepers Conference (FNLKC).

This annual book writing contest is open to Saskatchewan First Nations students from grades K-12. The books must be original fiction, written in a First Nations language along with an English translation. The first place winner will receive a \$500 cheque and 20 copies of their published book and the student(s) will be honored at the 2015 SICC FNLKC reception night to launch their book. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.

**Contest Goals and Objectives**

| Goals  | Objectives  |
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| Promote First Nations language development, revitalization and retention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link the First Nations Language Keepers Conference to youth by including them in writing and speaking in their First Nations languages</li> <li>• Saskatchewan First Nations youth are encouraged to use their imaginations and create a book written in their First Nations language</li> <li>• Saskatchewan First Nations youth are encouraged to speak the words as they write as this provides another form of language retention to inspire students to become fluent speakers</li> </ul> |
| Promote First Nations intergenerational transfer                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saskatchewan First Nations youth are encouraged to approach Elders or Knowledge Keepers with proper protocol to learn stories and obtain inspiration for their own stories</li> <li>• Help in the promotion of healthy and positive First Nations youth</li> </ul>   |

**Contest Guidelines**

1. Submissions must be from Saskatchewan First Nations students in grades K-12.
2. Students may submit as an individual, a small group or class.
3. Students may enlist the help of their families or educators.

4. Submissions must be written in a Saskatchewan First Nations language along with an English translation.
5. Stories must be an original idea from the student(s) and focus on a First Nations cultural theme.
6. The SICC will ensure that the First Nations language is corrected to SRO and include syllabics.
7. Incomplete submissions will not be considered as winner(s).
8. Submissions must be received by June 30, 2015 by 4:00 pm CST.
9. One book will be selected to win.
10. The winner will receive \$500 and 20 copies of their published book and will be invited to launch their book at the SICC FNLKC Reception Night. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.
11. Illustrations will be accepted but are not necessary.

### **Information Required**

1. Contact Name (must be an adult)
2. Contact Name email address
3. Contact Name address
4. Contact Name phone number
5. Name of the student(s) of the submission
6. Grade(s) of student(s) of the submission
7. School name of student(s) of the submission
8. School Address (street, city, province, postal code) of the submission
9. Name of local newspaper where the student(s) reside
10. Address of local newspaper (street, city, province, postal code) where the student(s) reside

### **Notes**

The Committee reserves the right to request book modifications or ensure the spelling and/or grammar of the First Nations language is correct. The winner will be advised of the Committee's decisions within 30 days of the deadline.

### **Send entries to:**

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## **First Nations Language Keepers Conference 2015 SICC Annual Book Writing Contest – Key Dates** (subject to change)

**The 2015 SICC First Nations Language Keepers Conference (FNLKC) Annual Book Writing Contest Call for Submissions will be mid-January 2015.** The call for submissions will be faxed to Tribal Councils, First Nations band offices, First Nations institutions and pertinent school divisions.

**The 2015 SICC Book Writing Contest deadline for submissions is June 30, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.** The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will not accept submissions after this date.

**A review of the submissions and decisions of the winner(s) will occur the week of July 6-10, 2015.** The SICC Book Writing Contest Committee will review all submissions and choose the winner(s).

**The winner(s) will be notified by phone after the SICC FNLKC Book Writing Contest Committee meets.** The SICC will notify all contacts of the submissions by phone and in writing of the results of the decision of the Committee. The first place winner will receive \$500 and 20 copies of their published book at the FNLKC. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.

**The 2015 SICC Book Writing Contest winner(s) book(s) will be created during the 2015 summer months.** The winning book(s) will be created by SICC staff for release at the 2015 SICC FNLKC.

**The 2015 SICC Book Writing Contest first place winner will attend the 2015 SICC FNLKC Reception November 24, 2015 to launch their book.** The first place winner will be invited to attend the 2015 SICC FNLKC Reception to introduce themselves, their book, read it and sign copies of their book.

**The winners will be announced on the first day of the 2015 SICC FNLKC on November 25, 2015.** The winner(s) of the contest will be announced at the Conference as well as on the SICC website and social media.

# FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGE KEEPERS CONFERENCE



## Book Writing Contest *for students*

tānisi (Cree), AnĪn Šikwa (Nahkawē), Edlānét'e (Dene),  
Hau, Koda (Dakota), Hau, Kona (Nakota), Hau, Kola (Lakota)

The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre promotes First Nations' language development, revitalization and retention. To encourage First Nation children to write in First Nations' languages, SICC has launched an annual book writing contest.

- Open to students from Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Create an original story in a First Nations' language (an English translation must be provided as well) with a First Nations cultural storyline.
- Submissions must be received by June 30, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.
- The first place winner will receive \$500 and 20 copies of the published book. The second place winner will receive 20 copies of their published book.

Entries will be reviewed and judged by the Book Writing Contest Committee and will select the winning books based on creativity and originality. The book may contain illustrations but this is not necessary. Illustrations may be provided by SICC for the winning stories selected.

The winners of the contest will be announced at the First Nations' Language Keepers Conference in November 2015.



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