

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR YOUTH - DETAILS

“150 Years of Canada. And a future to be shaped by our Youth. Where will you take us?”

Participation is simple:

1. Answer the following three questions in 1500 words or less:
 - a. What does Canada mean to you?
 - b. What does your culture and heritage mean to you?
 - c. What do you want our next 150 years to look like?

2. On a separate page:
 - a. Provide all of your contact information as well as that of a parent or guardian (including name, mailing address, phone number and email address)
 - b. Include your age on July 1, 2017 – which is the closing date of the contest.
 - c. Self-Identify in one of these cultural categories***:
 - Inuit
 - Innu
 - Mixed Inuit/Innu/Other
 - Other

*** While youth are welcome to self-identify in whichever category they are most comfortable with, each contestant must choose only one category.

Rules for participating in the contest:

- Contestants must be 18 years of age or younger on July 1, 2017.
- Contestants must have attended a primary or secondary school in Labrador throughout the 2016/17 school year.
- Entries must be received no later than midnight Atlantic Time on July 1, 2017 mail, email or fax.

Procedures of the contest:

- Judging will take place July 2-9, 2017.
- Contestants' names will be blacked-out during the judging process.
- One winner from each cultural category will be chosen for ages 12 & under, and one winner from each cultural category will be chosen for ages 13-18 for a total of 8 awards of \$300 each.
- Winners will be contacted on July 10, 2017.
- These awards will be presented at the opening ceremonies of the 2017 North West River Beach Festival on July 22, 2017.
- Winners will be invited to attend to receive their award in person along with an adult chaperone***.
- Winners will also be invited to read their story live on the mainstage on July 22, 2017 (time TBD).
- Awards will not be issued before July 22, 2017.
- Winners choosing not to attend will receive their awards by mail.
- *** Travel assistance may be available for winners/chaperones who need travel to attend the presentation on July 22nd – but it is not guaranteed.

The goal of this contest is to challenge our youth to reflect on their lives within Canada, within Labrador, within their communities, and within themselves as members of one or more of our many cultural groups in Labrador. Therefore, submissions will be judged based on how uniquely and genuinely contestants answer the 3 questions. There are no guidelines for how youth answer these questions as long as they answer honestly, so we encourage contestants to be creative and sincere.

Submissions can be mailed to:

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