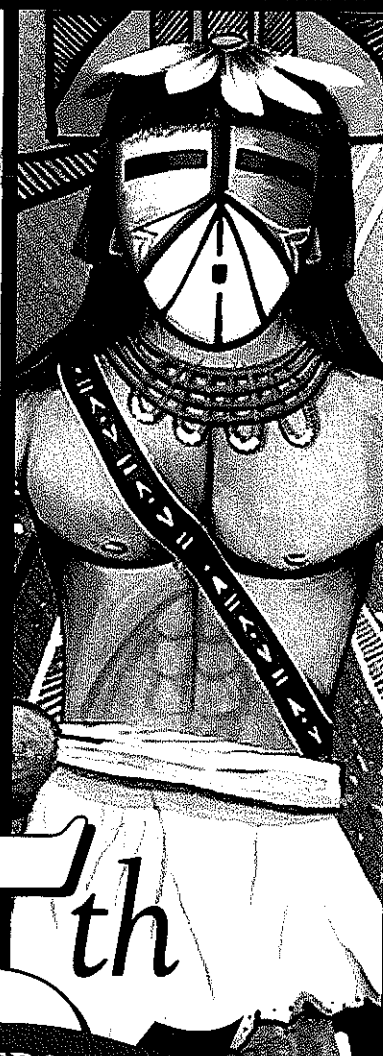


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2009 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ARTIST COMPETITION

Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future

Open to American Indian and Alaska Native students

Artist competition: Preschool (ages 4-5) and Grades K-12 • Writing competition: Grades 6-12

For more information, please visit www.indianeducation.org or call 1-866-259-0060

POSTMARK DATE: JANUARY 16, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
September 2, 2008

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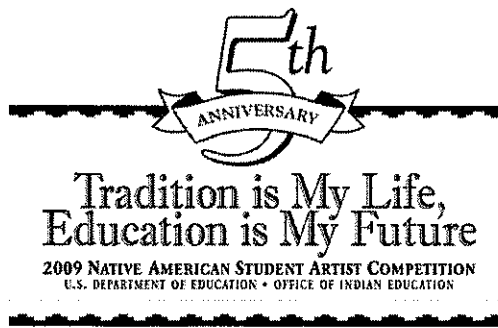
Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future is the theme of the U.S Department of Education, Office of Indian Education's fifth anniversary Native American Student Artist Competition. The competition, which celebrates the value and successes of education in Indian communities, is open to all American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades Pre-K through 12. The deadline for submissions is January 16, 2009.

By supporting this competition, the Office of Indian Education (OIE) hopes to inspire students to explore the connection between their education and culture through art and writing. Entries for the 2009 Native American Student Artist Competition should relate to the theme *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future* and reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth. Submissions will be judged in six different grade levels, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the art and writing categories.

In recognition of the students' artistic talents, the 2008 Native American Student Artist winning entries were exhibited at the following venues: U.S. Department of Education, OIE's *Partnerships for Indian Education* conference in Rapid City, SD, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, and the Chicago Children's Museum.

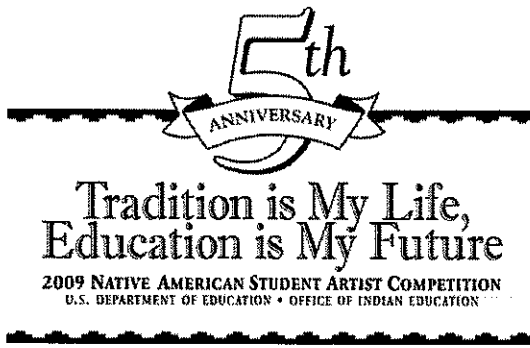
The Student Artist Competition rules require that a student register their entry online or over the phone prior to submitting their entry. For additional information, rules, and entry form, please visit www.indianeducation.org or email rganuelas@kauffmaninc.com or call 1-866-259-0060.

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Artist Competition Rules and Guidelines

1. The competition is open to all American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled in Pre-K through Grade 12 during the 2008-2009 school year.
2. Entries should relate to the theme *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future*. The entries should reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth.
3. All entries must be registered online at www.indianeducation.org or by calling the toll-free number 1-866-259-0060 to receive a registration confirmation number. Entries received without a registration confirmation number or with an incomplete form will not be accepted.
4. One entry is allowed per person. Entries will be divided into six subcategories:
 - Preschoolers Ages 4 & 5
 - Kindergarten through Grade 2
 - Grade 3 through Grade 5
 - Grade 6 through Grade 8
 - Grade 9 through Grade 10
 - Grade 11 through Grade 12
5. An entry may take the form of:
 - Painting (acrylic, oil, water color, gouache, casein, tempera, etc.)
 - Drawing (pencil, ink, pastel, charcoal, crayon, etc.)
 - Printmaking (lithography, intaglio, etching, silkscreen, woodcut, etc.)
 - Mixed Media (collage, ledger art, etc.)
 - Photography (film or digital; black and white or color)
 - Computer Art (artwork created with software on a computer, including heavily manipulated photography)
6. The entry cannot be larger than 11 by 17 inches and must be two-dimensional.
7. The entry must be unmatted (unless the mat is part of the artwork).
8. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Originality/Creativity
 - Relationship of work to the theme *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future*.
 - Composition
 - Control of materials/media
9. All submissions must be postmarked on or before **January 16, 2009** and mailed to:
2009 Student Artist Competition
165 S. Howard Ave., Suite 200
Spokane, WA 99201
10. Winners will be announced by March 2, 2009. Kauffman & Associates, Inc. will screen the student art entries, and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education determines final judging.
11. All submissions must be clearly labeled with the artist's name and registration confirmation number on the back of the artwork.
12. All participants must be the artists and owners of the works submitted to the competition. No copyrighted material may be submitted. All entries become the property of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education. The Office of Indian Education reserves the right to use, publish, or otherwise display the work or permit the work to be used by others.
13. Kauffman and Associates, Inc. will not be responsible for any damage or loss of any entry, although due care and precaution will be taken to ensure its safety.
14. For more information or questions, contact Rayanne Ganuelas with Kauffman & Associates, Inc. toll free at: 1-866-259-0060 or by email at rganuelas@kauffmaninc.com.



Application and Release Form

Please complete the application for the 2009 Native American Student Artist Competition. In order for an art or writing entry to qualify for the competition, all students must either register online at www.indianeducation.org or call the toll-free number 1-866-259-0060 to receive a registration confirmation number and submit this application form signed by a parent or guardian along with the entry in a single mailing.

Student:

Name of Student: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Tribal Affiliation: _____
 Title of Work: _____
 Media of Work: _____ Registration Confirmation Number: _____

Parent: (If student is under 18)

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Teacher/School Official:

Name of School: _____ School Phone: _____
 Name of Teacher/School Official: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I hereby agree to:

1. Obtain my parent's signature on the Application and Release Form, if I am not over 18
2. Submit an original art or writing entry to Kauffman & Associates, Inc. into the competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education
3. Permit the Office of Indian Education to display, reproduce, or otherwise use my entry in publications, for exhibit in galleries/offices, or at conferences/events
4. Grant permission to the Office of Indian Education to list my name, grade, school, and tribe whenever the art or writing entry is used by the Office of Indian Education
5. Grant copyright of the original art or writing entry to the Office of Indian Education and transfer my ownership to the Office of Indian Education's permanent collection

I hereby certify that I am the original artist of the work submitted for the Native American Student Artist Competition:

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

I hereby certify that I am the parent of the student listed above:

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

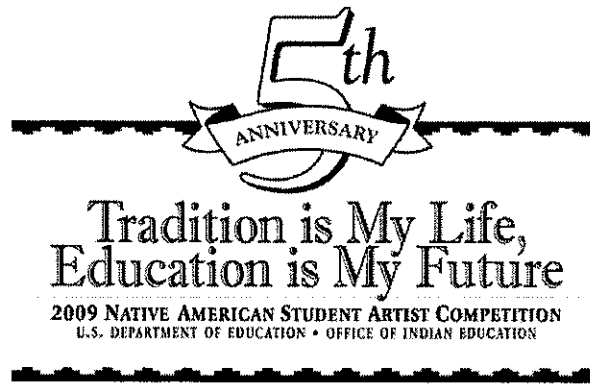
I attest that this student attends the school listed above:

Teacher Signature _____ Date: _____

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Submit entries attention to:

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 Kauffman & Associates, Inc.
 165 South Howard Street, Suite 200 Spokane, WA 99201
 Questions? Contact Rayanne Ganuelas. Email: rganuelas@kauffmaninc.com;
 Toll free: Telephone 1-866-259-0060; Fax: 509-747-5030



Writing Competition Rules and Guidelines

1. The writing competition is open to all American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled in Grade 6 through 12 during the 2008-2009 school year.
2. Entries should relate to the theme *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future*. The entries should reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth.
3. Entry for the writing category will be submitted in the following format:
 - Personal narrative
 - 1-2 pages, double spaced, 12 point font
 - Typed (any hard-to-read submissions will not be accepted)
4. Personal narrative will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Originality/creativity/relationship of work to the theme *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future* and the importance of pursuing an education for American Indian and Alaska Native students
 - Style (use of artistic decisions to convey meaning effectively)
 - Technical grasp of language (correct use of grammar, punctuation, language, etc.)
5. One entry is allowed per person. Entries will be divided into three grade categories:
 - Grade 6 through Grade 8
 - Grade 9 through Grade 10
 - Grade 11 through Grade 12
6. All personal narratives must be registered online at www.indianeducation.org or by calling the toll-free number 1-866-259-0060 to receive a registration confirmation number. Entries received without a registration confirmation number or with an incomplete form will not be accepted.
7. All submissions must be postmarked on or before **January 16, 2009** and mailed to:
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8. Winners will be announced by March 2, 2009. Kauffman & Associates, Inc. will screen the student writing entries, and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education determines final judging.
9. All submissions must be clearly labeled with the student's name and registration confirmation number on the back of the entry.
10. All participants must be the writers and owners of the narratives submitted to the writing competition. No copyrighted material may be submitted. All entries become the property of the Office of Indian Education. The Office of Indian Education reserves the right to use, publish, or otherwise display the work or permit the work to be used by others.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

September 2, 2008

Dear Student Artist Competition Participant:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, I am pleased to announce the fifth annual Native American Student Artist Competition that opens September 2, 2008 and runs through January 16, 2009 (postmark date). The competition theme for 2009 is *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future*.

This year we're kicking off the competition earlier in the school year to provide teachers more time to incorporate the competition into their classroom activities. This year's competition will again include a writing component that was first added in 2008. The written compositions submitted last year demonstrated a wonderful grasp of language and vivid self expressions from our Native youth. You can read the winning entries on our website at www.indianeducation.org.

The enclosed materials include a color flier, the rules and guidelines, and an entry form to copy and distribute to students and their parents. Due to the large number of entries we receive, we ask that you pre-register all 2009 participants either online at www.indianeducation.org or by calling our toll-free number 1-866-259-0060 before submitting an entry.

Thank you for your support in spreading the word to students, parents, and teachers about the 2009 Student Artist Competition as it seeks to celebrate the talent, dreams, and limitless potential of our Native youth.

Sincerely,

Cathie Carothers
Director
Office of Indian Education

Enclosures:

Color Flier
Entry Form
Rules and Guidelines (artist and writing)
Press Release