



Sports Stories 2008 Entry Form

Entry form can be copied. No purchase necessary.
Entry form must be completed and submitted with original essay.

Name:	Grade:	Age:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone: ()	Tribal affiliation(s):	
Essay Title:	Date of birth: ____/____/____	
The attached essay is my own original work (student's signature):		
Parent/Guardian signature:		

Answer the question: How can sports positively impact education?

SIENA Sports Stories Essay Contest Rules

1. **To enter:** Complete the entry form and write an essay answering the question above. Essay must be handwritten neatly, typed or computer printed and cannot be less than 50 words or more than 250 words. Entries must be titled, include your name, complete address and zip code, phone number with area code, date of birth, age, grade, and signed statement that work is original and the entrant's own. Submit this entry form and your essay via e-mail as attachments to: Nadine@SIENA-AZ.org or by regular mail to **SIENA, P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067-3156**. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than November 10, 2008 and received by November 12, 2008. E-mailed entries must be received by November 10, 2008. Limit one entry per person. SIENA is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, misdirected, illegible, incomplete, stolen or postage due mail or entries. All entries become the property of the sponsor and will not be returned.
2. **Judging:** Essays must be original and cannot have been previously published or submitted in any other competition. Essays will be accepted in eight categories, by grade: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Judging will be based on creativity, adherence to theme, organization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Judging will be conducted by educators, health professionals, and fitness experts. Any evidence of plagiarism in essay will result in disqualification of entry.
3. **Prizes:** One grand prize will be awarded for the best essay. The grand prize winner will have the honor of throwing out the first pitch at the Arizona Fall League baseball game between the Scottsdale Scorpions and the Peoria Saguaros on November 15, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. In addition, the winner will receive a SIENA t-shirt and backpack. A SIENA t-shirt and backpack will be awarded as first prize to one student in each grade level. Certificates of achievement will be given to all winners. Awards will be presented on the field prior to the game by a representative of SIENA. Student winners must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must arrive no later than 12:00 noon to receive their prize on the field. Winners will be notified by November 13, 2008. A list of winners will be posted to SIENA's web site by November 22, 2008: www.SIENA-AZ.org. Tickets to the game are free to all Native Americans. Call Nadine Groenig at 623-670-3561 to order yours.
4. **Eligibility:** Contest is open to all Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native students in grades 5 - 12.
5. **General Conditions:** By accepting the prize, winners (and winner's parent/legal guardian) release and discharge, and agree to hold harmless, SIENA (Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans), its officers and directors, from any and all liability associated with this essay contest and baseball game. As parent/guardian, by signing above, I authorize SIENA to film, videotape, photograph, or otherwise record my own or my child's participation in connection with non-commercial promotional activities, materials, websites or media releases related to this contest or baseball game.