2025 POETRY WRITING CONTEST ABOUT FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, OR MÉTIS CULTURE



Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27 is inviting ALL students from kindergarten to Grade 12 to enter a poetry writing contest. This contest is open to ALL students from public schools and Band operated schools <u>regardless of their ethnicity</u>; you do not need to be First Nations, Inuit, or Métis!!

The poetry <u>must</u> be about the culture of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis. This will be a great opportunity for all students to learn about and research the First Nations, Inuit, or Métis culture.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, January 31, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Judging will take place by a committee in February/March 2025. The winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

Poems must be titled, typed, or neatly written, single or double line spacing.

All entries must be the original work of the student entering the contest.

Students may submit multiple entries. Please only one poem per page!

Please submit entries (with <u>name</u>, <u>grade</u>, <u>school</u> & <u>Teacher</u>) to:

Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27 Indigenous Education Department 350 North Second Avenue Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 1Z9



Grade	Student Prize
KINDERGARTEN	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2 nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3 rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4 th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Primary Grades	1 st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 1-3	2 nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3 rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4 th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Intermediate Grades	1 st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 4-6	2 nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3 rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4 th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Middle Grades	1 st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 7-9	2 nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3 rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4 th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Secondary Grades	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 10-12	2 nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3 rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Extra: A French Category	There will be 4 prize winners here as well
and a Chilcotin, Shuswap	depending on no. of entries and grades.
or Carrier Category can be	First to fourth place winners in these
opened if we receive entries.	categories will also choose books as valued above.
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Winners must agree to have a photograph taken of themselves for publication purposes. If not, please ensure that you write *"Withhold my name and photo please"*. Winners will be directed (via letter) to the bookstore closest to their area for their selections.

Teachers with students who have a winning poem will receive a prize of Indigenous content story books for their classroom.

Entering poetry into the contest constitutes the agreement that it will be allowed to be published on our website and/or print materials to be put into book form as Best Practices in Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27. *

For more information, please call Tracy Hubner at 250-398-3836.