



NEPALI NATIONAL CONVENTION 2018

UNITY FOR NEPALESE COMMUNITY

Middle School Narrative Writing Contest (Grades 6 - 8)

Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA), Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NASeA) and Association of Nepalis in the Americas (ANA) are announcing the annual student narrative writing contest open to all middle school students living in North America.

No matter who we are, no matter where we live and no matter what life we choose to lead, we are all Nepali in one way or another. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are shaped and influenced by our Nepali culture and tradition, which has evolved over thousands of years. Our roots lead us deeper to Nepal and nurture us through nutrient of Nepali culture and tradition.

The goal of this writing contest is to increase awareness of Nepali culture in order to preserve our heritage and ultimately gain a better understanding of ourselves.

Memoir Title: My Participation in a Nepali Community Event

Write about your participation in a Nepali event. The event must have been organized by a Nepali organization. Explain what you learned about teamwork, unity, and role of the organization in the community.

(Guideline: The Memoir should discuss about your experience of participating in an event organized by a Nepali organization in the North America)

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to all North American Region middle school students enrolled in 2018-2019 and to all home-school students in grade equivalent to middle school (Grades 6 – 8).
2. All essays must reflect the contestant's own research and originality in writing.
3. Limit one submission per student.
4. Essay must be submitted online before deadline to all Judging Committee members.

Essay specification:

1. Written in English language.
2. Student's name, photo, email address and day-time phone number must appear at the top of the essay.
3. Document **limits to 600 - 700 words**. All words, except title and bibliography will be counted towards the word limits.
4. Type using MS-Word, double-spaced, page numbered.
5. Submit essay in MS-Word format to Judging Committee Chair and carbon copy to all committee members.

Timeline:

1. **Essay submission deadline – August 14, 2018.**

2. Winner notification – August 18, 2018.
3. Winners recognition – During cultural program of Nepali National Convention.

Judging criteria:

1. Scope of research (20%)
2. Organization of content (15%)
3. Originality (20%)
4. Logic development (10%)
5. Spelling and grammar (10%)
6. Clarity and sincerity of thoughts (10%)
7. Completeness (15%)

A panel of official essay contest committee will conduct judging. The committee's decision will be the final decision.

Awards & Recognitions:

First, second, and third place winners will be awarded a prize of US \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively along with an award certificate. The top three narrative writings will also be published in NAsEA's upcoming *Yeti View Point* magazine. The winners will be honored during Nepali National Convention in Labor Day Weekend 2018 in Chicago, Illinois.

Awards for the middle school writing contest is personally sponsored by Dr. Sanjeeb Sapkota and Ms. Sabina Sapkota of Lawrenceville, Georgia.

The judging committee

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