



13th NAsEA/ANMA Joint Convention

September 1-3, 2017, Charlotte NC
Hosted by Greater Charlotte Nepalese Association (GCNA)

“Civic Engagement and Youth Empowerment of Nepalese in America”

CALL FOR ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Elementary School “Show and Tell Nepal” Contest (Grades 1 – 5)

The Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NAsEA) and the Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA) are announcing the annual elementary school student “Show and Tell” contest open to all elementary school student living in North America.

It is very important that we continue to keep our children aware of their Nepali origin and strive to keep them aware of Nepali culture. The earlier this awareness is inculcated, the better it is. Therefore, the goal of the writing contest is to increase awareness of Nepali heritage among our young generation.

Show and Tell: Nepali Item at My Home

Assume that you have to do a “Show-and-tell”, except instead of telling, you will be writing. Choose one of the Nepali item that you like at your home and tell us about it in writing. Also ask your parents to provide a picture of it. Please do not forget to send us your picture along with your writing.

Guideline: (1) Choose a Nepali item you like at your home and write about it. (2) Attach a picture of your show and tell. (3) Attach your photograph and provide your phone number, school grade and name of the school.

Awards & Recognitions:

Elementary school “Show and Tell Nepal” contest’s 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 writings will also be published in NAsEA’s upcoming *Yeti View Point* magazine. The winners will be honored during NAsEA/ANMA joint convention in Labor Day Weekend 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Awards for the elementary school writing contest is personally sponsored by Mr. Dinesh Khatiwada and Ms. Laxmi Aryal Khatiwada from St Port Lucie, Florida.

Eligibility:

1. The content is open to all North American Region elementary school students enrolled in 2017-2018 and to all home- school students in grade equivalent to elementary school (Grade 1 -5).

2. All “Show and Tell Nepal” 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 300 - 400 words for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grader and 400-500 words for grade 4th and 5th grader. All words, except title will be counted towards the word limits.
4. Type using MS-Word, double-spaced, page numbered.
5. Submit writing in MS-Word format along with the picture of the object to Judging Committee Chair and carbon copy to all committee members.

Timeline:

1. Essay submission deadline – August 14, 2017.
2. Winner notification – August 20, 2017.
3. Winners recognition – During cultural program of 13th NAsEA/ANMA joint 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.

The judging committee - Elementary school

- Dr. Sushama Pradhan, NC – Chairperson: spradhan@gmail.com
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