

**Elementary School Contest**

**Submission deadline – August 19, 2021**

The Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NASeA) and the Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA) are announcing the annual elementary school student essay 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.

**Be a doctor – Prevent COVID-19 spread**

Imagine that you are a public health doctor in Nepal. You are making public health guidelines to educate people on the proper precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Research online to learn the best ways to sanitize yourself and protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Explain these precautions in a one-page document with specific, clear instructions that includes pictures, illustrations, or diagrams.

Submissions will be assessed on the quality of research, the clarity and thoroughness of the instructions, and the use of appropriate and educational illustrations / diagrams.

**Awards & Recognitions:**

The first, second and third place winner 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 during Labor Day Weekend on September 5, 2021, in Orlando, Florida.

Awards for the elementary school writing contest is personally sponsored by Mr. Madhav Mainali and Ms. Sita Ghimire Mainalifrom Huntsville, Alabama.

**Eligibility:**

1. The contest is open to all North American Region elementary school students (Grades1–5) enrolled in 2021-2022.

2. All “**Be a doctor – Prevent COVID-19 spread**” Must reflect the contestant’s own research and originality in writing.

3. Limit one submission per student.

4. Writing 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 Documents are limited 1 page, including illustrations and figures

4. Type using MS-Word, double-spaced.

5. Submit in MS-Word format to Judging Committee Chair and carbon copy to all committee members.

**Timeline:**

1. Essay submission deadline – **Thursday, August 19, 2021.**

2. Winner notification – August 23, 2021.

3. Winner’s recognition – During cultural program of 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**

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