

The Write Challenge Entry Form



2019-2020

The Write Challenge

Hosted by Lakota LEADS

The Write Challenge is an annual writing contest for students who reside in the Lakota Local School District. It is hosted by Lakota LEADS.



This year's theme: **PROGRESS**

The word PROGRESS has many meanings. It is commonly used in expressions like "a work in progress." What do you think of when you hear the word progress? We look forward to reading the many creative ideas that you associate with this year's theme: PROGRESS.

1. a movement toward a goal or to a further or higher stage
2. developmental activity in science, technology, etc.
3. advancement in general
4. growth or development; continuous improvement
5. to go forward or onward in space or time
6. to grow or develop, as in complexity, scope, or severity; advance

Interpret the topic however you like, just remember to follow the writing guidelines on the entry form. Good writing will cause the reader to question, to cry, to laugh - in other words, to think and feel! We can't wait to read your interpretation!

Before you begin

- Contest is open to students K-12 who reside in the Lakota District.
- Entries are due:
Sunday, March 15, 2020.
- Entries must be original and cannot have been previously published.
- Entries may be poem, narrative, or essay.
- Winners will receive an award, their writing will be published in an anthology, and they will be honored at a reception in the spring.

See entry form for all details.

All entries must be submitted electronically to
lakotawritechallenge@gmail.com
in Microsoft Word Format

Lakota LEADS

Lakota's Enrichment and Academic Development of Students (LEADS) is primarily aimed at the parents of children identified as gifted, but welcome all families in the Lakota district. LEADS mission is to identify, provide and/or sponsor enriching academic and social opportunities for students of Lakota.

Reach us through our website, www.lakotaleads.org, Facebook, or president@lakotaleads.org

Copy and use this entry form as a cover page (or page 1) for each entry. Students may submit one entry form per division. In the body of your email, include your name and contact info in case we have trouble with your attachment. With the exception of the K-2 category, writing entries must be submitted in Microsoft Word format as a Word document. Scanned cover pages are acceptable, but the writing submission must be in Word for grades 3-12.

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Challenge Division:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades K-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 7-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry Writing: free/rhymed verse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 9-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative Writing: short story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 5-6 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Essay: writing on topic |

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Due on or before March 15, 2020 without exception.

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March 15, 2020: entry deadline

April 11, 2020: winners announced by this date Entries will not be returned, and final pieces may be edited for grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Late April 2020 (possibly April 27): Celebration of Writing Reception (winners will be notified via email)

All entries are to reflect the theme.

Guide to Poetry Writing

- shows keen development of this year's theme
- shows imagination and insight
- shows control of formal elements: rhythm, rhyme, meter shows effective use of figurative language

Guide to Narrative Writing

- has a logical sequence of events
- establishes setting effectively
- develops effective characters for the narrative mode displays good mechanical and grammatical control

Guide to Personal Essay

- adheres to this year's theme
- clearly states the writer's main idea has a good flow of ideas and details
- diction and tone are appropriate to audience
- syntax and organization are clear, logical, and appropriate
- displays good mechanical and grammatical control

Questions? Email president@lakotaleads.org