



Celebrating and Honouring Indigenous Excellence Competition 2026 AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE!

All self-identified Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) students (both elementary and secondary) are invited to participate in our “Celebrating and Honouring Indigenous Excellence” competition by contributing a creative submission that honours Indigeneity.

Submissions could include spoken word/slam poetry, short stories, speeches, visual arts, drama presentations, song, dance, essays, graphic arts, poster campaigns, jewellery, beadwork, crafts, or any multi-media projects. **The possibilities are endless!**

Entries must be individual participants (or a small group of students coming together) and **NOT** full class/group projects. This year, we will be acknowledging submissions in the following categories: (students must identify upon submission which category they are submitting for consideration.)

- **Creative Writing** (could include poems and short stories – both written and orally recorded etc.)
- **Performance** (could include slam poetry, dance, song, dramatic piece, sports etc.)
- **Arts** (could include photographs, a painting, graphic design, beadwork, jewellery, fashion and other crafts etc.)
- **Multimedia Presentation** (infographics, slide presentations, comic etc.)
- **Advocacy** (Social Media Posts, Letters to Government, Protest Signs, Memes etc.)

The competition will launch the end of March so that submissions are in by Indigenous History Month in June. All entries are to be submitted by May 10th at 3:00pm. All participants will be acknowledged, and a committee will select additional recipients to be honoured for their outstanding entries. A total of up to \$1000.00 has been set aside to gift these outstanding entries.

Please complete the Google Form and attach submissions by using the QR code on the poster or through the following link: <https://forms.gle/MQZHGavFtBxmZSKi6>

If there are any barriers to participate including the cost of supplies, please contact the DDSB Indigenous Education Department who can offer some financial support at: <https://forms.gle/DeQW5F61ztGiRUca8>

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please reach out to Garrett in the office: (905) 668-7100 or garrett.metcalf@d13.osstf.ca