

HERIZON

NIHIZAAD, NIHIDZIIL Our Words, Our Strength Competition

Purpose:

Herizon is a wordless picture book with rich, colorful illustrations, memorable characters, and a powerful story that takes place on the Navajo Nation. Wordless books encourage children, youth, and adults to interpret each part of the story in a personal, individual way. When readers put their own words to the pictures they feel successful, happy, and enthusiastic about the story.

The purpose of the Nihizaad, Nihidziil - Our Words, Our Strength competition is to give individuals the opportunity to put their own creative spin on *Herizon* with words in their native language. In doing so, South of Sunrise Creative is hoping to:

1. Promote culture and language empowerment
2. Encourage confident, independent readers
3. Build basic literacy skills, and
4. Master story elements.

Eligibility:

The contest is open to anyone. Teachers, librarians, and other educators are encouraged to lesson plan around the contest to encourage learning in the classroom in 2023.

Criteria:

- Submissions must be original.
- Manuscripts in languages other than English are given additional consideration.
- All manuscripts must be submitted with an English translation.
- Entrants consent to having their work shared.
- There is no word limit.
- All entries must follow the rules in this document.

Entry:

Entry is free.

How to Submit:

1. You may submit only one manuscript.
2. A cover page for each manuscript is required that includes:
 1. The name of the person/persons submitting the piece,
 2. The name of the lead organizer of the manuscript. If it is a teacher for a classroom, please list the grade level or the course name.
3. All entries must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font as a WORD document.
 1. Entries must be in good taste, easy to read, use proper grammar and punctuation, and correct spelling.
 2. Manuscripts must be organized according to the example below. Notice that each page of *Herizon* is bolded, followed by text and the text's translation.

Page 1

(Text)

(Translation)

Page 2

(Text)

(Translation)

Page 3

(Text)

(Translation)

3. Finished manuscripts must be emailed to dwvandeever@gmail.com.

Deadline:

The competition opens on January 1, 2023. The contest deadline is April 4, 2023. All entries must be emailed by 5 p.m. (MDT) on the due date.

Judging:

Contest entries will be judged by two reviewers who work in education. In the case of a tie the author will be the deciding vote. Entries will be judged on three criteria:

1. Creativity and originality
2. Relevance to the illustrations
3. Correlation to the story's basic narrative

* Books written in a different language than English will be given priority consideration

Winning submission will be announced on May 1, 2023 on Daniel W. Vandever's Author Facebook page and Twitter account. Winning submissions will also be notified by email.

Awards:

The winning submission will receive \$250 and a signed author and illustrator copy of *Herizon*. The runner up submission will receive \$100 and an author signed copy of *Herizon* and the third place submission will receive \$25 and a signed copy of *Herizon*.

Winning entries can only be awarded if there is a minimum of three submissions. If there are less than three entries by the submission deadline, the contest will be extended a month until the minimum number of submission requirement is met.

For More Information:

Contact Daniel Vandever at dwvandeever@gmail.com

