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### McDonald's® Chief Standing Bear Essay Contest

**Purpose:** Generate awareness in our youth and community of the many accomplishments of Ponca Chief Standing Bear.

#### Essay Guidelines:

- Elementary School (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)-100 words
- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)-200 words
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)-300 words
- College-500 words
- All essays must show original thinking and own opinions
- Winning essays will show original, innovative ideas inspired by the account of Chief Standing Bear, and are not merely a retelling of events
- The Chief Standing Bear essay committee reserves the right to award a second winner to an age category if there are not any submissions in one of the other age categories.
- **Include student name, grade, school name, school address, contact phone and e-mail address**
- Mail to: Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs Office, PO Box 94981, Lincoln, NE 68509-4981 or e-mail to Whitney Speer ([whitney.speer@nebraska.gov](mailto:whitney.speer@nebraska.gov)) or Scott Shafer ([scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov)) on or before **April 7th, 2017**.

#### Topic:

1. ***Ponca Chief Standing Bear had a historic court case in 1877 which is still significant piece of Nebraska's early history. What lessons can it teach us about equality and justice today and into the future?***

#### Prizes/Awards:

- There will be a total of four winners from the contest.
- Each of the four winners will receive a \$25 McDonald's Arch Card and a Kindle e-Reader courtesy of McDonald's.
- The winners will each receive a framed copy of their winning essay.
- Students will be invited to read their winning essay at a ceremony at Embassy Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska. ***Transportation and/or lodging not provided by McDonald's or the Chief Standing Bear Planning Committee. Complimentary ticket for winner and two family members will be provided.***
- McDonald's will publish all essay winners on tray liners to be distributed in Nebraska restaurants. Please return essay with a signed release form.
- Winners will be recognized and have their work published on the web at [www.chiefstandingbear.org](http://www.chiefstandingbear.org) as well as [www.indianaffairs.state.ne.us](http://www.indianaffairs.state.ne.us). Results will be published by May 1, 2017.

Please contact Whitney Speer ([whitney.speer@nebraska.gov](mailto:whitney.speer@nebraska.gov)) or Scott Shafer ([scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov)) at 402-471-3475 with any additional questions.

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