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NTF Launches Fourth Inuktuuqta! Inuktut Writing Prize

(April 3, 2025 – Iqaluit, Nunavut) NTI President, and chair of the Nunavut Tunngavik Foundation (NTF) Jeremy Tunraluk is pleased to launch the fourth iteration of the Inuktuuqta! Inuktut Writing Prize.

Inuktuuqta! will award one Nunavut Inuk author a grand prize of \$80,000 and supports to complete a full-length book in Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun. Similar to previous years, four additional prizes will be awarded. NTF will work with the winning authors to complete and publish their works.

"I encourage all Nunavut Inuit who are the slightest bit interested to submit their ideas to do so." Said NTI President Tunraluk. "This is a wonderful prize that provides an opportunity for Inuit to think and write creatively in Inuktut, and our language is worth being celebrated."

Since the creation in 2020, Inuktuuqta! was awarded over \$280,000.00 in prizes to emerging Inuit authors. Past recipients include Looee Arreak, Susan Tigullaraq and most recently Donna Adams.

Submissions are open until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, Monday, June 30, 2025. All creative ideas are welcome, in any of Nunavut's Inuktut languages and in the author's preferred writing style. Nunavut Inuit over the age of 18 are eligible. Submissions must be unpublished, original stories, or collection of short stories and poems. The application form and additional information are available on NTI's website. Write to inuktuuqta@tunngavik.com for further information.

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Additional Information for Applicants:

- 1. All Submissions must be written in Inuktitut or Inuinnagtun.
- 2. Submissions must be between 8-10 double-spaced pages, or 4-5 single-spaced pages when typed.
- 3. Hand written submissions may be accepted
- 4. Submissions are Inuktut (Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun) book ideas or outlines, and must be unpublished, original works
- 5. Submissions may include, but not limited to a full length book, collection of short stories and/or poems, there are no restrictions on content
- 6. All submissions must include a filled out <u>application form</u> and be submitted before 5pm ET on Monday, June 30th
- 7. The winning author will be expected to complete a full length book (minimum 150 pages), as per contract with NTF.