



The Perkins Center Prize honors Dr. John M. Perkins and the indelible mark he has made on the work of reconciliation and Christian Community Development. With generous support from our community, the John Perkins Center is hosting this scholarship competition to encourage current and future Seattle Pacific University students to explore practical ways to promote reconciliation.

## **PRIZE DESCRIPTIONS**

One finalist may be chosen from among the entries received. The eligible finalist will receive a tuition scholarship to Seattle Pacific University.

Perkins Center Prize:                      \$1,000 SPU Scholarship

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- The competition is open to:
  - Current Seattle Pacific University undergraduate students who will be enrolled at SPU in the 2021-22 academic year.
  - High school students and transfer students who will be enrolled at SPU in the 2021-22 academic year.
- Entrants must be enrolled full time (12+ credits) each quarter (fall, winter, and spring quarters).
- The scholarship will be divided over three quarters (fall, winter, and spring).
- Entrants who receive a prize but withdraw from SPU or fail to matriculate in the next academic year will forfeit the scholarship.
- Entries must be original works by the entrants and must not infringe copyright or proprietary rights of any other person.
- One entry per person.
- Entries must include completed Perkins Center Prize entry form (including parental/guardian signature for minors).
- Entrants must give the John Perkins Center and SPU consent to publish and use the submission.

- Winners will be presented in **May, 2021**

## **WRITING PROMPTS**

The writing prompts below are intended to help entrants focus their writing:

- Describe/Express how the principles of Relocation, Reconciliation, and Redistribution can address the current racial climate that exists in the United States of America. As part of your answer, please consider issues that would need to be addressed to successfully establish/practice these principles.
- Develop a program that can be implemented to address a particular social issue using Christian Community Development Association (CCDA)<sup>[1]</sup> principles or foundations from Dr. Perkins' books. Your program should be something that could plausibly be implemented by the church, student organizations, or another organization to which you are particularly connected.
- Produce new research into a particular social issue or social concern that the church, public/private institutions, or organizations you are connected to have not fully addressed. Describe how you would go about being the change agent or catalyst to bring about reconciliation, justice, and leadership development.

## **ENTRY CRITERIA**

Writing type: Written entries may take essay form, research paper form, or story form.

- Writing length should not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries must be written by the entrant and be original work.
- Quotations and facts that are not common knowledge should include proper citations.

## Judging Criteria

- Entries must focus on a social justice topic or issue by clearly communicating an answer to one of the above prompts.
- Entries will be judged based on creativity, originality, and/or the potential for the findings or program to be utilized and implemented.

## **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Entries must be emailed or postmarked by April 2nd, 2021.
- Please include/attach the entry form and a high-resolution picture of yourself (for presentation purposes).
- Email electronic submissions (as a PDF or Word document) to [perkinscenter@spu.edu](mailto:perkinscenter@spu.edu).
- Hard copy entries can be dropped off in a manila envelope to the John Perkins Center (SUB 225) or mailed to:

The John Perkins Center - SPU

Attn: Writing Prize

3307 Third Ave W Suite 207

Seattle, WA 98119

Please contact [perkinscenter@spu.edu](mailto:perkinscenter@spu.edu) with any questions.

Details and forms are available at [www.spu.edu/perkins](http://www.spu.edu/perkins).

*Look for “Perkins Center Prize” under the Scholarship menu.*

<sup>[1]</sup> Refer to the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) to learn about CCD principles. [www.cdda.org](http://www.cdda.org).