

# ESSAY COMPETITION

Participants must be secondary school students within the ages of 16-19 years as of date of the deadline for submission.

## Topics: (Choose one)

- 1 What effect can an effective competition enforcement regime have on my country?
- 2 Explore within the context of the local economy the statement “A cornerstone of a successful market economy is the existence of a “competition culture”.

## Guidelines for Participation

1. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font and have a minimum of 1,500 words and a maximum of 2,000 words including any tables, references and footnotes.

2. Essays must have a cover page displaying:

- The name of the student;
- The age and date of birth of the student;
- Parent/Guardian name and contact number;
- The name of the school which he/she attends;
- The name of his/her supervising teacher; and
- The title of the essay.

3. Entries missing any of the above information will not be considered.

4. Essays must be original (i.e. written in your own words). If information is used from another source, it must be quoted or referenced in the essay using APA (American Psychological Association) Style or MLA (Modern Language Association).

5. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays will not be accepted.

6. Original graphic arts, images or videos can be embedded in the essay.

7. Essays must be submitted in electronic PDF form. (Graphic art and images can be submitted as separate attachments).

## Evaluation Criteria

- ✓ **Content** – knowledge about the topic
- ✓ **Style**– overall quality of writing and use of graphic arts, images or videos
- ✓ **Presentation**–spelling, punctuation, grammar and clear structure of the essay (introduction, body and conclusion)
- ✓ **Originality and communication**– clear and concise arguments to support their view

## Prizes

- 🏆 **First Place:** TT \$3000.00 and a challenge trophy for the school
- 🏆 **Second Place:** TT \$2000.00
- 🏆 **Third Place:** TT \$1000.00

## Dates

- 📅 **Start date : January 8th 2024**
- 📅 **Deadline Date: March 22nd 2024** at 4:00PM Eastern Caribbean Time

## Submission

- ✉️ Electronic submissions should be submitted to [tandtftc@gmail.com](mailto:tandtftc@gmail.com)

## Useful Links

- <https://www.oecd.org/competition/>
- <https://www.internationalcompetitionnetwork.org/>