



The George Price Centre for Peace and Development

ESSAY COMPETITION: HIGH SCHOOL & TERTIARY LEVEL INSTITUTIONS

I. **Background.**

Mission: The aim of the Centre is to inspire Belizeans, regardless of race, ethnicity, colour or political persuasion to meaningfully participate in and contribute to peace and development of Belize. We aspire to be a channel where people can share and improve individual abilities and community spirit through study, dialogue, debate, expression of the arts, among others.

Vision: It is the vision of the Centre that these processes of self-development will empower more people to work together in solidarity for the growth and advancement of Belize..

Goal of the essay competition: As part of the Centenary celebration of the Rt. Hon. George Price, the essay competition aims to promote development and service through reflexion, research and articulation of ideas on service to country.

Contest Rules.

- a. Topic: "I believe happiness lies in serving others rather than serving oneself." (George Price). Discuss how George Price inspired Belizeans to serve their country now and in the future.
- b. Scope: Essay competition at two levels: high school students and tertiary level students.
- c. Eligibility: Registered students of any high school or any tertiary level institution of Belize. Family members of the Executive Board and staff of the George Price Centre are not eligible.
- d. Length of each essay entry must be between 500 and 750 words. Entries that exceed the maximum will be disqualified.
- e. Deadline: 30 November 2018 at midnight. Late entries will not be accepted.



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- f. Plagiarism. The essay must be the original work of the author. Any entry with plagiarized material will be disqualified. (NOTE: The contest organizers will have access to a digital plagiarism checker).
 - g. A panel of three judges for high school and three judges for tertiary level schools will evaluate all eligible entries. The decision of the judges at each level is final.
 - h. Evaluation criteria. Entries will be evaluated out of 100 points per the following criteria.
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Facts
 - Grammar
 - Analysis
 - Synthesis
 - Interpretation
 - Research
 - Communication
 - Style/tone
 - i. All entries remain the property of the writers. However, winning entries properly acknowledged may be published and read in any public media and used as samples in future contests.
 - j. Entry Forms. All submissions must be accompanied by a correctly filled out Entry Form.
 - k. Submissions. All essays submitted for the competition must be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, Font 12, in digital format and e-mailed as a Word attachment within the deadline to: saidygodettegpc@gmail.com
 - l. By entering this Essay Competition, all entrants agree to abide by these rules. Any entry that is violation of any of the rules will be disqualified from the competition.
- II. Prizes**
- a. For each level there will be three prizes.
 - First Prize: \$150.00 and a certificate. The First Prize winner will read the winning entry at the Awards Ceremony.
 - Second Prize: \$100.00 and a certificate.
 - Third Prize: \$50.00 and a certificate.



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- b. All winners will be honored at an Awards Ceremony at the George Price Centre on 31st January 2019.
- c. Winning entries will be announced on or before 18th January 2019

III. **Tips for Essay Writers**

- a. Proofread your own essay.
- b. Have someone else proofread your essay.
- c. Check to ensure that you have followed grammar rules.
- d. Check your facts. Ensure you distinguish facts from opinions.
- e. Check the accuracy of your quotations.
- f. Conduct research on the topic.
- g. Do not limit your essay to facts. Analysis, synthesis and interpretation are important and will determine the winning entries.
- h. Ensure that your essay has structure (introduction, body and conclusion).
- i. Focus on the theme and on one important aspect or question about the theme.

IV. **Contact Information**

Further information or questions can be addressed to saidygodettegpc@gmail.com

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V. **Contest Entry Form**

See attached Form.



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ENTRY FORM

1. Name of student:

2. Name of school:

3. School's address:

4. Name of School Principal or Dean responsible for the student's department



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5. Name of student's English teacher

6. Student's or Parent's e-mail address:

7. School principal's e-mail address:

8. I confirm that I am the sole author of the essay that I am submitting in this competition.

Yes

No

9. I agree with the rules of this essay competition.

Yes

No

[Note: For numbers 8 and 9, please put an X in one box.]



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