

ESSAY COMPETITION: TERTIARY LEVEL INSTITUTIONS, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND GENERAL PUBLIC

I. **Background.**

Mission: The aim of the Centre is to inspire more Belizeans, regardless of race, colour or political persuasion to carry on this endeavour. We aspire to be a venue where people can share and improve individual abilities and community spirit through study, dialogue, debate, expression of the arts, among other.

Vision: It is the vision of the Centre that these processes of self-development will empower more people to work together for the growth and advancement of Belize, free from civil strife and disparities.

Goal of the essay competition: As part of the Centenary celebration of the Rt. Hon. George Price the essay competition wishes to promote development and service through stories which inspire.

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 750 and 1000 words. Entries that exceed the maximum will be disqualified.
- e. Deadline: 8th March 2019 at midnight. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 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: \$600.00 and a certificate. The First Prize winner will read the winning entry at the Awards Ceremony.
 Second Prize: \$250.00 and a certificate.
 Third Prize: \$150.00 and a certificate.
- b. All winners will be honored at an Awards Ceremony at the George Price Centre.
- c. Winning entries will be announced on or before 31st March 2019

III. Tips for Essay Writers

- a. Proof read your own essay
- b. Have someone else proof read 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 may 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
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V. Contest Entry Form

See attached Form.

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ENTRY FORM

1. Name of Applicant:

2. Name of school (If Applicable):

3. Address:

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

5. Name of English teacher

6. Email address:

7. Deans e-mail address:

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

Yes

No