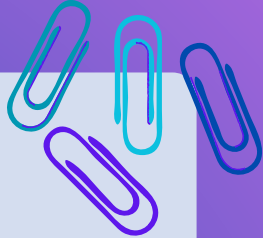




# Diocese of NECA Youth Essay Competition

## Essay Rules & Regulations

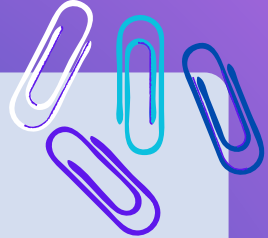


- The essay competition is offered by The Diocesan Youth Office under the auspices of the Rt. Rev. Ernest Flemming, Bishop of the Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba.
- The Competition is open to Anglican youth in the Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba, ages of 13 to 21 years.
- Essays should be written on the topic ***“Climate change will continue to pose a threat to our world. How can youth assist with the preservation and sustainability of God’s creation?”***.
- Essays must be of approximately 1,500 words, typed in double line spacing, with your full name at the top right hand corner of each page, and be submitted in PDF format. **Essays will only be accepted in PDF Format.** There is an allowance of +/- 10% range of 1,500 words. Titles, references and footnotes are not included in the word count.
- Essays should be submitted via the email address [youthdirector@dneca.com](mailto:youthdirector@dneca.com).
- When submitting your essay, you must state your name in the subject line of the email.
- The essay must be the sole creation or original work of the entrant. The essay must not have been submitted to this or any other essay competition in previous years.
- **ANY FORM OF PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**



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- Essays generated with the use of AI or chatbot systems such as ChatGPT or alike will result in automatic disqualification.
- **ONLY ONE** essay submission is permitted per entrant.
- The award winners grant the Diocesan Youth Office the right to publish or reproduce at any time all or part of the award-winning entries.
- The prizes are **1st Prize - \$1500 XCD; 2nd Prize - \$1000 XCD and 3rd Prize - \$500 XCD**. The award of all or any of the prizes lies solely within the discretion of the judges. The judges' decision will be final.
- The deadline for the receipt of entries is **Friday, 27th September, 2024**. Please note that late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- All entries will be acknowledged by email. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to provide feedback on unsuccessful entries.
- It is anticipated that the prize-winners will be announced by a notice to all churches.



# Judging Criteria

ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

**Focus and Detail** – The essay is focused, purposeful and reflects clear insight and ideas.

**Support** – Shows clear evidence of research; persuasively supports main points with well-developed reasons and/or examples.

**Organisation** – The introduction is inviting, states the main topic and provides an overview of the essay. The information is relevant and presented in a logical order. The conclusion is strong.

**Sentence Structure, Grammar, Mechanics and Spelling** – Sentences are well constructed; effective and creative use of elements of style to enhance meaning; excellent grammar and spelling.

**Originality** – Expression of topic in a creative way. Essay not previously submitted in another competition.

