

School Essay Competition

OVERVIEW

The National Bank of Dominica Ltd. (NBD) is hosting an Essay Competition for high school students. The competition will form part of the bank's 40th Anniversary initiatives which are geared at giving back to our community whilst celebrating our forty year milestone.

We invite students to think, research and express their views through writing by taking part in this competition.

TOPIC

Dominica's 40th Anniversary of Independence is a call for reflection. The invaluable lessons learnt over this forty year period should be used as a guiding map for plotting the future of our country. Discuss.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The competition will be open to upper division students from secondary schools in Dominica (3rd to 5th Form).

Children or dependents of NBD Employees or NBD Board of Directors are not eligible to enter the competition.

SUBMISSION

Each school will submit their two top essays.

Essays must be submitted together with the attached submission form, either by:

1. Electronic format to nbdmarketing@nbd.dm or
2. Hard copy to:
Marketing Department
National Bank of Dominica Ltd.
64 Hillsborough Street,
Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica

The deadline for submission is **October 19, 2018**.

PRIZES

Prizes of EC\$1000, \$500 and \$300 will be awarded to first, second and third place entries respectively. A prize of EC\$1000 will also be awarded to the school of the first place winner.

The winning students will be awarded their prizes at the National Youth Rally in November 2018.

GENERAL RULES

- Entries must be 1,000 – 1,500 words long and written in English.
- Entries should not have been previously published and must be original. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the essay.
- No more than one entry per student will be permitted.
- Essays must be submitted with a completed copy of the attached submission form.
- Essays must be written by individual students that attend secondary schools within the Commonwealth of Dominica. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
- Essays must be type-written on A4 sized pages, font size 12 and 1.5 interlinear spacing.
- Each page must be numbered.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Criteria	Points
Ideas & relevance to topic	40
Organization of content	20
Sentence Fluency	10
Grammar	10
Vocabulary / Word choice	10
Consistent & Appropriate Voice / Tone	10

See Writing Rubric from Ministry of Education for further details on the criteria above.