



## National Accreditation Council

### ESSAY COMPETITION

The National Accreditation Council is inviting entries for an essay competition opened to students from secondary, post-secondary and university level institutions. Contestants must be currently enrolled in an educational institution or have started the application process. The objectives of the essay competition are: To create awareness about the presence of the NAC and its services; To generate public interest in the concept of quality assurance; To open the minds of potential students of higher education institutions to the importance of transparency and accountability; And, to highlight the importance of the learning process in achieving good educational outcomes to the institutions.

#### CATEGORY ONE:

**For secondary school students between 15 and 17 years.** Essay must be between 1500 to 2000 words and typewritten using size 12 Times New Roman font and double line spacing. Please write on one of the two topics below:

- (1) **Why should transparency and accountability of Higher Education Institutions be important to students and other stakeholders?**
- Or**
- (2) **Lifelong learning is critical for personal and community development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global world. Discuss.**

#### CATEGORY TWO:

**For post-secondary and University level students between 18 and 30 years.** Essay must be between 2500 to 3000 words and typewritten using size 12 Times New Roman font and double line spacing. Please write on one of the two topics below:

- (1) **Concentrating heavily on enrollment rates, administrators of post-secondary and higher education institutions are ignoring signs that learning outcomes are not being achieved fully.**
- Or**
- (2) **Given the demand for 21 century skills, how should educators of post-secondary and tertiary institutions prepare their students for a diverse, global work place?**

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Points will be awarded for correct use of grammar; expression; organisation of thoughts; evidence-based arguments; and, correct citation of sources.

#### PRIZES

##### Category 1:

**First Prize:** G\$50,000

**Second Prize:** An Android tablet

##### Category 2:

**First Prize:** G\$100,000

**Second Prize:** Samsung A10 Cell Phone & Bluetooth Speaker

The closing date for the submission of ESSAYS is **October 4, 2019**

Please note that evidence of enrollment for example, acceptance letter, must be submitted to the NAC along with your essay submissions. Essays must be emailed to [info@nac.gov.gy](mailto:info@nac.gov.gy). Contestants must ensure that their name, age, contact information and essay topic are clearly and prominently placed on their submission.

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