



2022 ECCB/RSS-ARU Creative Youth Competition

Poetry

Official Rules

We recommend all participants read the rules carefully before entering.

I. General

1. The competition is open to Secondary School and Community College students who reside in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union¹. The students **must** be 13 to 19 years old at the time of entering the competition.
2. The closing date for submitting entries for the competition is midnight, 31 January 2022.
3. All entries should be entered on the ECCU/RSS-ARU electronic portal which will be made available on the ECCB website.
4. Entries **MUST** include:
 - a. Poem
 - b. Portrait photo/headshot of participant
 - c. ECCB/RSS-ARU Creative Youth Competition Cover Sheet. The Cover Sheet, which will be in electronic format on the Bank's website, **must** be completed in its entirety
 - d. Video of the participant reciting the poem (no more than 3 minutes long)

Failure to submit all four will result in the disqualification of your submission.

5. Each participant can submit only one entry. All entries will be considered anonymously by the judges.
6. Entries will **NOT** be returned, so please keep a copy.

¹Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

7. Under no circumstances can alterations be made to poems once entered.
8. Entries will receive automatic receipt confirmation at the time of submission.
9. Telephone or email confirmation of receipt will not be available. The ECCB staff are unable to confirm the content of documents submitted online, so please ensure you upload the correct version to the portal.
10. If you experience difficulty with uploading your submission to the portal, please send an email to info@eccb-centralbank.org with subject: ***ECCB/RSS-ARU Creative Youth Competition (Your name)***.
11. The ECCB reserves the right to change the judging panel without notice and not to award prizes if, in the judges' opinion, such an action is justified.
12. The judges will read and view all the entries; their decisions will be final.
13. Children or wards of ECCB employees are not eligible to enter the competition.

II. Poems

1. All entries are judged anonymously and the poet's name **must not** appear on the poem itself. The poet's name should be only on the Cover sheet which accompanies the poem.
2. All poems **must** have a title and must not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title).
3. Entries **must** be on one of the three topics listed below. Participants may choose to state the title of their poems in a more creative way:
 - a. The Entrepreneur
 - b. Skills Equal Money
 - c. My Vision for My Caribbean Home
4. Poems **must** be the participant's original work. Plagiarised work will be disqualified.

III. Prizes

1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Prize	Student	School	Mentor Teacher
1st	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$700.00
2nd	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
3rd	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$300.00

IV. Winners

1. Prize winners will be notified by the end of April 2022. The winning poems will be published on the ECCB website and social media platforms.
2. All entrants will be notified about the outcome of their entry via email by the end of April 2022.
3. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant ECCB and the RSS-ARU the right in perpetuity to publish and/or broadcast their poem. Use of the poems elsewhere for one year from April 2022 is subject to permission from ECCB.