

ESSAY COMPETITION ON GENDER EQUALITY: CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR NIGERIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Rules of the Essay Competition on Gender Equality

"Once upon a time there were a girl and a boy; together they decided to make the world a better place..."

Article 1 – The Delegation for European Union to Nigeria in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education and Daily Trust propose to launch an **Essay competition** on the above-mentioned theme.

Article 2 - This competition is open to all Nigerian Senior Secondary School Students between the ages of 13-16, residing and attending school in Nigeria. Children must be nationals of Nigeria.

Article 3 – The participants are invited to write an essay, depicting their vision of Gender Equality.

Article 4 – The essay could be type-written or handwritten with not less than 500 words and not more than 1,000 words.

Article 5 - The essay should not exceed 1000 words.

Article 6 -The first name, the last name and the age of the child, should be written on the top of the essay sheet, together with her/his class, the school address. A scanned birth certificate should be attached or signature of school principal confirming age of student.

Article 7 - The essay should have at the end the school's stamp and the signature of the principal of the school as a confirmation that the writer is a bona fide student of the school in the class indicated.

Article 8 -**The deadline for receipt of the essays is November 06, 2017.**

Article 9 – Electronic entries should be submitted by email to : DELEGATION-NIGERIA-ESSAYCOMPETITION@eeas.europa.eu or by hand in a sealed envelope to Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Common Embassy Complex, European Union Crescent, Off Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja or by post to P.M.B. 280, Garki, Abuja. Essay should be in a sealed envelope marked "Essay Competition on Gender Equality."

Article 10 - A jury composed of school teachers, gender activists, and EU Delegation Staff, Daily Trust staff will select the overall winners in the competition.

Article 11 – Prizes to be won: There will be thirteen prizes for the overall best essays.

1st Prize = One Lap top computer + N30, 000 grant for books

2nd Prize = One lap top computer + N20, 000 grant for books

3rd Prize = One lap top computer + N10, 000 grant for books

The 10 best runners-up will receive a grant of N30, 000 each for books

Article 12 - The 30 best essays will be published in a booklet which will be distributed to secondary schools in Nigeria, free of charge, through the Federal Ministry of Education with the names of the respective writers attached to their essays.

Article 13 - The copyright of the essays will be retained by the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS.

Article 14 - The European Union Delegation to Nigeria will keep all submitted essays. The participants will not have right of return.

Article 15 - The European Union Delegation to Nigeria cannot be held responsible for *force majeure*, should the competition have to be modified or cancelled.

Article 16 – Submission of an entry assumes the acceptance of all competition conditions by the participant. No appeal on the organisation or on the results of the competition will be accepted. The jury's decision will be final.

Article 17 – The rules of the essay competition will be provided to all participants' schools and/or children.

Article 18 - The children, wards and relations of the staff of the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS are exempted from participating in this competition.