

Eastern Caribbean Central Bank



2012 OECS ESSAY COMPETITION FOR ECCB AREA STUDENTS 14 - 19 years

Essay Topics

- 1. What viable steps should OECS countries take to stimulate their economies and significantly reduce their national debts?**
- 2. Discuss the role of young people in shaping the future of the OECS countries.**

CATEGORY I (Ages 14-16)

CATEGORY II (Ages 17-19)

1st PRIZE - \$2,500 GRANT - student, \$1,500 GRANT - school
2nd PRIZE - \$1,500 GRANT - student, \$1,000 GRANT - school
3rd PRIZE - \$1,000 GRANT - student, \$500 GRANT - school
School with the Most Entries - \$500

Terms of the Competition

- Essays must be between **750 to 1000 words**, and must be **typed double spaced on letter size paper**, with a **separate cover sheet giving details of the name, age and school attended** by the participant.
- Essays must be written on one of the listed topics.
- Essays will be judged for content and soundness of points (20), logical development (20), clarity (20), knowledge of the subject (25), command of language (10), presentation (5).
- Essays must be submitted to the ECCB Agency Office in your territory, or the ECCB Headquarters, P O Box 89, Basseterre, St Kitts by **Friday, 30 March 2012**.
- Where the student has left school, the grant will be awarded to the high school of his/her choice.
- Children or dependents of ECCB staff are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Prize winners may be asked to submit their birth certificates.