

Additional important information

1. Information about the entry requirements:
 - All essays must be submitted in English and must be typed.
 - The essay title must appear on the first page of the essay.
 - The essay's number of words must also appear on the first page.
 - All pages must be numbered.
 - The learner's name and that of the school must appear on the cover page of the essay.
 - The essay, excluding the bibliography, must contain between 2 200 and 2 500 words.
2. The oral presentation forms part of the total competition mark and must be conducted in English at school and during the final adjudication.
3. **The following documents must accompany each entry:**
 - a) Completed entry form.
 - b) Marked essay and completed rubric.
 - c) Certified copy of entrant's SA identity document or birth certificate.
 - d) Certified copy of entrant's Grade 10 academic results and June academic results for Grade 11.
 - e) Declaration of authenticity.
 - f) Proof of combined income of parents.
4. **Competition time frames**
 - 4.1 Final date for essays to be submitted to the school convenor: **25 August 2023.**
 - 4.2 Adjudication at schools: **28 August to 08 September 2023.**
 - 4.3 Submission to local district office: **10 November 2023.**

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(Nedbank-Treasury-WCED Bursary Competition)
 - 4.4 Adjudication at district level to be completed by an appointed panel during November 2023.
 - 4.5 The ten best entries per district (limited to two entries per school) to be submitted to the Deputy Chief Education Specialist: Economics at the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) Head Office by **24 November 2023.**

4.6 Finalists will be selected by a panel by February 2024.

4.7 Finalists interviewed and winners announced on a Friday afternoon and Saturday in March/April 2024.

5. **Adjudication information**

5.1 Primary criteria

5.1.1 The focus of the competition is on academic excellence and the potential of each learner.

5.1.2 Essays will be judged primarily on merit.

5.1.3 Essays of equal merit will be evaluated further, using the following criteria:

- Academic results (Grade 10 results and June results for Grade 11)
- Learner's financial needs, based on parents' or guardians' household income
- Disabilities (equal opportunities will be taken into account)
- Learner's community involvement and commitment to addressing the country's socio-economic problems

5.2 Additional criteria

The final adjudication panel will interview the finalists to determine the winners. The panel will evaluate each learner in terms of the following criteria:

- a) Intellectual sparkle
- b) Ability to formulate and express a rational argument
- c) Knowledge and understanding of current socio-economic issues

6. **General information**

6.1 The best essays of the total number submitted will be selected as finalists.

6.2 All finalists will be guests of the Western Cape Provincial Government and Nedbank, and will be expected to attend all functions arranged.

6.3 Teachers will be expected to act as mentors for learners with regard to offering guidance during the virtual sessions.