

### 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: **23 August 2024.**
  
  - 4.2 Adjudication at schools: **26 August to 06 September 2024.**
  
  - 4.3 Submission to local district office: **08 November 2024.**  
Label the envelope as follows:  
For attention: Economics Curriculum Adviser  
(Nedbank-Treasury-WCED Bursary Competition)
  
  - 4.4 Adjudication at district level to be completed by an appointed panel during November 2024.
  
  - 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 **22 November 2024.**

4.6 Finalists will be selected by a panel by February 2025.

4.7 Finalists interviewed and winners announced on a Friday afternoon and Saturday in March/April 2025.

## 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 considered)
- 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 regarding offering guidance during the virtual sessions.

### Bykomende belangrike inligting

1. Inligting oor die inskrywingsvereistes:
  - Alle opstelle moet in Engels ingedien word en moet getik wees.
  - Die titel van die opstel moet op die eerste bladsy van die opstel verskyn.
  - Die opstel se getal woorde moet op die eerste bladsy verskyn.
  - Al die bladsye moet genommer wees.
  - Die leerder se naam en dié van die skool moet op die voorblad van die opstel verskyn.
  - Die opstel moet, sonder die bibliografie, tussen 2 200 en 2 500 woorde bevat.
2. Die mondelinge voordrag vorm deel van die totale kompetisiepunt en moet tydens die finale beoordeling in Engels by die skool voorgedra word.
3. **Die volgende dokumente moet elke inskrywing vergesel:**
  - a) Voltooië inskrywingsvorm.
  - b) Nagesienë opstel en voltooië assesseringsrubiek.
  - c) 'n Gewaarmerkte afskrif van die deelnemer se SA-identiteitsdokument of geboortesertifikaat.
  - d) 'n Gewaarmerkte afskrif van die deelnemer se graad 10-akademiese uitslae en die Junie-akademiese uitslae vir graad 11.
  - e) 'n Verklaring van egtheid.
  - f) Bewys van ouers se gekombineerde inkomste.
4. **Kompetisie se tydsverband**
  - 4.1 Finale datum waarop opstelle by die skoolkonvenor ingedien moet word:  
**23 Augustus 2024.**
  - 4.2 Beoordeling by skole: **26 Augustus tot 06 September 2024.**
  - 4.3 Indiening by plaaslike distrikskantoor: **08 November 2024.**  
Adresseer die koevert soos volg:  
Vir die aandag van: Kurrikulumadviseur vir Ekonomie  
(Nedbank-Tesourie-WKOD-beurskompetisie)
  - 4.4 Beoordeling op distriksvlak moet gedurende November 2024 deur 'n aangestelde paneel voltooi word.
  - 4.5 Die tien beste inskrywings per distrik (beperk tot twee inskrywings per skool) sal teen **22 November 2024** by die Adjunk-hoofonderwyskundige: Ekonomie by die Wes-Kaapse Onderwysdepartement (WKOD) se Hoofkantoor ingedien word.

4.6 Finaliste sal in Februarie 2025 deur 'n paneel gekeur word.

4.7 Die finaliste waarmee onderhoude gevoer is, asook die weners, sal op 'n Vrydagmiddag en Saterdag in Maart/April 2025 aangekondig word.

## 5. **Beoordelingsinligting**

### 5.1 Algemene kriteria

5.1.1 Die fokus van die kompetisie is op akademiese uitnemendheid en elke leerder se potensiaal.

5.1.2 Opstelle sal hoofsaaklik op meriete beoordeel word.

5.1.3 Opstelle van dieselfde meriete sal verder geëvalueer word, ooreenkomstig die volgende kriteria:

- Akademiese uitslae (graad 10-uitslae en Junie-uitslae vir graad 11)
- Leerder se finansiële behoeftes, gebaseer op ouers of voogde se huishoudelike inkomste
- Gestremdhede (gelyke-geleenthede sal in ag geneem word)
- Leerder se gemeenskapsbetrokkenheid en hul verbintenis om die land se sosio-ekonomiese kwessies aan te spreek

### 5.2 Bykomende kriteria

Die finale beoordelingspaneel sal onderhoude voer met die finaliste om die weners te bepaal. Die paneel sal elke leerder evalueer volgens die volgende kriteria:

- a) Intellektuele uitkyk
- b) Vermoë om 'n rasonale argument te verwoord en oor te dra
- c) Kennis en begrip van sosio-ekonomiese kwessies wat tans ervaar word

## 6. **Algemene inligting**

6.1 Die beste opstelle uit die totale getal wat ingedien is, sal as finaliste gekies word.

6.2 Alle finaliste sal gaste wees van die Provinsiale Regering van die Wes-Kaap en Nedbank. Daar sal van hulle verwag word om al die geleenthede wat gereël is by te woon.

6.3 Daar word van onderwysers verwag om as mentors vir leerders op te tree rakende die aanbod van leiding tydens die virtuele sessies.



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**To:** Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Assessment and Examination Coordinators, Subject Advisers for Economics, Accounting, Mathematics and Life Orientation, and Principals of schools offering Grades 10 to 12

**Subject: Western Cape Essay Writing Bursary Competition for Grade 11 learners offering Economics, Accounting and Mathematics (2024/25)**

1. The Western Cape Provincial Treasury, in collaboration with Nedbank and the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), invites schools to enter for the 2024/2025 Western Cape Essay Writing Bursary Competition.
2. The competition offers Grade 11 learners in the Western Cape who take a combination of Economics, Mathematics and Accounting as subjects, the opportunity of obtaining bursaries and other incentives to further their studies in these fields at a university.
3. A maximum of twelve bursaries, as well as a cash prize as financial assistance during their Grade 12 year, will be awarded to learners who intend obtaining a degree in Economics (e.g. BCom (Economics)), Accounting (e.g. BAcc, BCompt), Commerce (e.g. BBusSc) or Mathematics at a Western Cape university.
4. The bursaries are for Grade 11 learners who excel (minimum of 60%) in at least two of the subjects – Economics, Mathematics and Accounting, and who qualify for entrance to a university in 2026. Entrants must be South African citizens, residing in the Western Cape and have a good command of spoken and written English.

5. The bursary competition aims to:
  - promote enthusiasm for Economics, Mathematics, Accounting and career possibilities in these fields;
  - promote knowledge and skills in Economics, Mathematics and Accounting;
  - develop problem-solving and analytical abilities;
  - expose learners to research methods and essay-writing skills;
  - provide learners with access and links to the world of work;
  - raise awareness of socio-economic issues in South Africa;
  - develop future leaders in the fields of Economics, Mathematics and Accounting; and
  - encourage and reward excellence.
6. Please consult the following attached documents:
  - Annexure A: Additional important information
  - Annexure B: Essay topic (supplied only in English) with its marking rubric
  - Annexure C: Entry form
7. Schools should choose promising learners to participate in the competition. They will be required to write an essay of approximately 2 200 words. The rest of the Grade 11 Economics class may write an essay on the same topic to a maximum of 600 words, which will count as part of the research project for the School-Based Assessment.
8. A team of teachers at the school will use the assessment rubric provided to choose the top two performers who fulfil the minimum requirement of 60% (essay and oral presentations combined) to go through to the next round of the competition. The essays and mark sheets of the **top two** performers must be submitted to the district office for assessment at level 2 (district level) by no later than **08 November 2024**.
9. An assessment panel in each district will assess the qualifying essays from schools and choose the finalists. The ten best essays per district will be chosen by this panel and sent through to the final level (provincial level) by **22 November 2024**.
10. The best essays from the total number submitted will be chosen by the final selection panel, consisting of representatives from Nedbank, the Western Cape Provincial Treasury and the WCED.
11. Finalists will be invited to attend the final selection in Cape Town in March/April 2025 – on a Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. They will be required to give an oral presentation on their research findings and to respond to questions put to them by the selection panel. The Economics teachers of the finalists will be invited to accompany them. The district panel members will be invited to attend the awards ceremony on the Saturday evening.
12. Enquiries about the essay writing and marking must be directed to the district's Economics subject adviser.

- Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all Grade 11 Economics, Mathematics, Accounting, English and Life Orientation teachers.

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