Student Essay / Speech Competitions

Essay Participants: 10 -12 Grade Students, Public & Private Secondary Schools, The Bahamas

Speech Participants: 10-12 Grade Students, Public & Private Secondary Schools, New Providence

Process: Guidance Counsellors and/or Business Teachers will introduce the competition within their respective schools, encouraging all business track students to submit an entry.

These educators also will undertake responsibility for the first phase of the competition, reviewing all submissions and selecting one essay for submission to BFSB – as the top essay from their respective school. Likewise, in the case of the Speech Competition, only one entrant from each school can be entered after an internal selection process.

BFSB and other Sponsors of the 2013 School Outreach Programme/NCAM will judge the entries received and select one overall winner in the Essay Contest and one overall winner in the Speech Competition. Prizes will be awarded to the top winner in each competition, both for the student and the school; all participants will be recognised.

Student Prize: Laptop  School Prize: Gift Certificate

Topic:
A Value Added Tax: Does this Suit a Modern Bahamas?

Essay Length: 1000-1500 (maximum) words
Entry Deadline: October 25, 2013
Submission Deadline: November 08, 2013

Speech Competition Length: 5 – 7 (maximum) minutes
Entry Deadline: November 05, 2013
Judging: November 19, 2013

It is anticipated that the Presentations Ceremony for both the Essay Contest and Speech Competition will take place on November 19th as well. Details to follow.

( ) We will participate in the Essay Contest  ( ) We will participate in the Speech Competition

Guidance Counsellor/Business Teacher

School

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VALUE ADED TAX – DOES THIS SUIT A MODERN BAHAMAS?

Overview: Students should look at the opportunities and challenges of introducing a VAT system in The Bahamas – from a “big picture” perspective and discuss whether this is the right move for the jurisdiction at this time in its economic and fiscal development.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Essay Competition

Content – 65%
  • Citation/or use of credible sources and information
  • Was there a conclusion?

General Understanding of Topic – 20%

Originality – 10%
Presentation – 5%

Speech Competition

Content & Topic Familiarity – 50%
  • Citation/or use of credible sources and information
  • Was there a conclusion?
  • Knowledge of the topic

Presentation – 30%
  • Use of body language (eye contact, gestures)
  • Use of voice projection
  • Stage etiquette
  • Convincing/Persuasive

Attire & Posture – 15%
Time Limit – 5%

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