



Bank of Zambia

SCHOOL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

BACKGROUND

The Bank of Zambia is pleased to run its second annual School Essay Writing Contest under the theme “**How can digital financial services improve the quality of life in my community**”. Learners who participate in the contest will be expected to write an essay around this year’s theme.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST?

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled in grades 8 to 12 within Zambia.

CONTEST DATES

The contest will run from 1st September to 15th October 2023. Submissions will be made through a designated Bank email contest@boz.zm. Any entries received after 15th October 2023 at midnight will not be admissible.

SUBMISSION RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Essays must be written in English language.
2. Each participant can only submit one essay. This is not a group project.
3. The essay should be the original work of the student and should not have been previously published.
4. Each participant must include his/her full name, age, name of school and grade on the front cover of the essay. This Contest is only eligible to grade 8-12 students from within Zambia.
5. The essay must be 500-750 words maximum. Titles, captions, references, bibliography and appendices are not included as part of the word count.
6. Essays must be typed with double line spacing.
7. The font must be Times New Roman, size 12 points.
8. By submitting your essay, you agree to assign to the Bank all your intellectual property rights with full title guarantee. You agree that the Bank may make your entry available on its website and any other media, and may use, publish, transit, copy or edit the competition. entry at its sole discretion.
9. Essay should be submitted as an attachment in Microsoft Word or PDF format to: contest@boz.zm. Only essays submitted through this email will be considered.
10. Immediate family members of Bank of Zambia staff are not eligible to participate in this competition.

PRIZES

1. HP Pavillion Laptop - Winner
2. Samsung Galaxy Z Fold 4 – 1st Runner Up
3. Samsung Galaxy Tab S8 – 2nd Runner Up