



GUIDELINES FOR THE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES DIVISION, TOBAGO **SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION 2021**

Description

The competition is hosted by the Meteorological Services Division, Tobago as part of World Meteorological Day 2021 celebrations.

World Meteorological Day is celebrated on March 23rd each year to commemorate the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization in 1950 and highlight the huge contribution that National Meteorological and Hydrological Services make to the safety and well-being of society.

The theme for World Meteorological Day 2021 is “The Ocean, Our Climate and Weather”. Participants are challenged to join the discourse through spoken word poetry. **The chosen topic for the Spoken Word Competition is as follows:**

Discuss how human activities have contributed to climate change in the Caribbean.

The aim of the competition is to raise national awareness of climate change in the Caribbean. Entries must be creative but demonstrate a sound understanding of climate change in the Caribbean context, provide critical analysis and offer possible solutions to the issue.

Eligibility

The spoken word competition is open to nationals of Trinidad and Tobago only.

Rules

- Spoken word pieces should be submitted as video entries where the participant is seen delivering the poem.
- Spoken word pieces should be no longer than 5 minutes in length

- All entries must be submitted in landscape (horizontal) format only. Portrait (vertical) entries will be disqualified.
- Videos are to be created in an area that is well lit.
- Videos are to be created in an environment with minimum background noise.
- Each participant is allowed to submit one entry.
- Pieces must be given a title.
- All entries must be the original work of the participant.
- Entries must not have been published, self-published, published on a website, broadcast or featured in another competition.
- Under no circumstances can alterations be made to the spoken word piece once entered.
- Spoken word pieces should not be obscene, offensive, defamatory or libellous.
- Judges decisions are final.
- The Office of the Prime Minister, Central Administrative Services Tobago and the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service reserves the right to use the submitted pieces for promotion after the competition; artists will however be given due credit.
- Staff and children of employees of the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service, Ministry of Public Utilities and the Office of the Prime Minister Central Administrative Services Tobago are not eligible to enter this competition.
- Contravention of any of the above rules will immediately disqualify an entry from the competition.

Submission Requirements

- Spoken word pieces must be submitted with a completed registration form. **See page 4 for registration form.**
- **Videos should be sent via 'WeTransfer' to email: info_opmcast@gov.tt.** Entries should have a title and labelled in the form "FirstName_LastName_SpokenWord". Files that are not easily identifiable by name will be deleted.

Judging Criteria

The pieces will be judged by an expert panel in the following categories:

- Knowledge 25 pts
- Originality 10 pts
- Creativity 25 pts
- Delivery 25 pts
- Impact 15 pts

Winners

- The top three finalists will be awarded cash prizes.
 - First place \$3,000
 - Second place \$2,000
 - Third place \$1,000

- Prize allocation will be made available on the Office of the Prime Minister, Central Administrative Services Tobago Facebook page by April 30, 2021.
- Winning entries will be featured on the Office of the Prime Minister, Central Administrative Services Tobago Facebook page and the TTMS website, Instagram and Facebook pages.

Deadline for Submission

Monday 12th April 2021 at 3:00pm.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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Office of the Prime Minister
Central Administrative Services Tobago
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Email: info_opmcast@gov.tt.



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REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

National ID#: _____

Sex: Male Female **DOB (yyyy/mm/dd):** _____

Home Address:

Telephone Contact: _____ (M) _____ (H)

Email Address: _____

SPOKEN WORD PIECE

Title of Spoken Word Piece:

Length of Video: _____

DECLARATION BY THE PARTICIPANT

I hereby declare that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In case any information given in this application proves to be false or incorrect, I shall be responsible for the consequences. I also declare that if any information provided by me is found false, my submission may be rejected at any point of time.

Name in Block Letters: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Participant: _____