



SVG POLICE CO-OPERATIVE
CREDIT UNION LTD.

Rules for SVG Police Co-operative Credit Union Independence Essay Competition 2023

PRIMARY LEVEL TOPIC: The importance of Independence to our nation.

SECONDARY LEVEL TOPIC: Has Vincentians become nationalistic since independence?

1. The essay competition is open to anyone, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, who falls within the following age categories:
 - Primary level Ages 8-11 (400 to 500 words)
 - Secondary level Ages 12-15 (800 to 1000 words)
2. Essays must be sent via email to svgpccuessay@gmail.com. The essay should be attached in PDF or Word (equivalent) format.
3. All submissions must be received before 11:59 PM on Friday 27th October 2023. No entries after 11:59 PM on Friday 27th October 2023 will be accepted for the competition. The organisers accept no responsibility for delivery or for subsequent safekeeping of any essay entered for the competition.
4. All entries must be written in English.

5. Only one entry per person will be allowed.
6. All communication with the entrant will be by email. It is the responsibility of the entrant to check their email address in order to receive further communications from SVG PCCU.
7. Essays must be written and submitted by a single author without any co-authorship from another individual.
8. The essay must be the sole creation and original work of that person. No previously published work will be accepted.
9. All essays submitted will be closely checked for plagiarism with entries disqualified if found to be plagiarised.
10. The judges' decisions on any awarding of any prize in the competition will be final and is not subject to any appeal. Essays will be judged on the quality of content, creativity and language.
11. Any essay submitted should conform to the following rules as to content, length and style:
 - The essay should begin with a cover page including the title of the essay, the entrant's full name, age, phone number and word count.
 - If you fall between age 8-11, your essay should be no more than 500 words (excluding references).
 - If you fall between age 12-15, your essay should be no more than 1000 words (excluding references).
 - The essay should be in Word (or equivalent) or PDF format.
 - References should be included at the end of the essay in any desired reference style.

The prizes for the Essay Competition are as follows:

Three winners will be taken from each category.

- First prize: A Tablet + \$200
- Second prize: \$300
- Third prize: \$200
- It is expected that prize winners will have their names published on SVG PCCU's website and Facebook platform, alongside their submission.
- SVG PCCU reserves the right to withhold the award of any or all prizes offered if in their absolute discretion if no essay entered warrants the award of any or all prize(s).
- SVG PCCU reserves the right to publish or reproduce any or all of any essay entered for the competition. In reproducing any essay, SVG PCCU reserves the right to omit, alter, paraphrase or delete any part of that essay in their absolute discretion for any reason.
- SVG PCCU reserves the right to cancel the competition for any reason and at any time.
- The decision of SVG PCCU on the interpretation of these rules will be final.