



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

MSDFS GUIDELINES WRT. SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION 2024

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POVERTY SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION 2024

“Improving the Social Protection System: towards building resiliency and eradicating extreme poverty in Trinidad and Tobago by 2030”

You are a youth delegate representing Trinidad and Tobago at the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals forum in 2024. You are expected to deliver a feature spoken word poetry on building resiliency and ending extreme poverty in Trinidad and Tobago by 2030. Prepare a spoken word poetry using the following guidelines.

TAGLINE

Erasing poverty with my pen.

GUIDELINES

- Any Citizen or Resident of Trinidad and Tobago between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years old.
- Spoken word poetry should be in English and presented for a duration not exceeding four (4) minutes. Poets are encouraged to title their spoken word poetries in line with their selected focus.
- The deadline for submitting entries is March 15, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. (*Late submissions will not be accepted*).
- After writing the poem, the participant must record a video of the poem. The regulations for the video are as follows:
 - a) Ensure that your recording is done in landscape mode (e.g. when the phone video recording is done with the device in a horizontal or sideways position,
 - b) Ensure that it is quiet enough. Make sure that background noise is minimal,
 - c) Ensure that you have enough light. A ring light or natural sunlight will be ideal. Recording in the day is a great option. Ensure the light is facing you and not behind you.
- Participants will be required to indicate their name, contact details, including phone number, and affiliated school (where applicable).
- Entries will be considered on the basis of voice and articulation, stage presence (your audience is through the camera lens!), dramatic appropriateness, literary devices, use of language, continuity (storyline) and interpretation of the theme.
- Enquiries should be emailed to the Social Investigations Division at SID@social.gov.tt (this can be done via WE TRANSFER).

- All submissions will be deemed the property of the MSDFS which reserves the right to reproduce any submission or part thereof, by any means electronic or otherwise, free of all encumbrances. Full credit will be given to the author(s) for any reproduced work.
- **The judges' decision is final.**
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