



Dolphinarium Essay Competition **Guidelines**

Launch Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Submission Deadline: November 9, 2018 by 5p.m.

Announcement of Winners: Saturday, November 24, 2018 (SLNT's Annual General Meeting)

The Saint Lucia National Trust invites Primary School students in Grades 5 and 6 as well as Secondary School students to participate in an essay competition focusing on arguments **for** or **against** the establishment of a proposed dolphinarium in Saint Lucia. Essays should clearly articulate whether the proposed dolphinarium would positively or negatively impact the marine environment, tourism, livelihoods (jobs) and public health amongst other areas.

Essay Criteria:

- Essays will be judged in two categories – Primary and Secondary School.
- **Grades 5 and 6 (Primary School)** – essays must be between 250 - 350 words.
- **Secondary School** - essays must be between 400 - 600 words.
- **All** submissions must be authored by the participants.
- **Essays can be either legibly handwritten or typed.**
- Typed essays must be in 'Times New Roman' font and size 12 font.
- Each participant can only submit **ONE** essay.
- Essays can be dropped off at SLNT's Secretariat at the Pigeon Island National Landmark, Walcott House in Castries or our southern office at the Maria Islands Interpretation Centre on Sandy Beach. While electronic copies must be in PDF and emailed to doccentre@slunatrust.org and copy admin@slunatrust.org.
- Essays must have the participants full name (first name and surname), age, grade, school, email address, phone number and title at the top of each submission.

****Please note a parent's/guardian's email address and phone number can be submitted if the child does not have a phone or email.***

Amazing prizes will be awarded as follows:

Prizes	Primary School	Secondary School
1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Tablet and a Wireless Speaker Kit – Digicel • Captain Mike’s Whale and Dolphin Watching Tour for 2 persons • \$100 Voucher from Taxi • Family Membership to the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) for 1 year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Smartphone - Digicel • Captain Mike’s Whale and Dolphin Watching Tour for 2 persons • \$100 Voucher from Taxi • Family Membership to the SLNT for 1 year
2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Mike’s Whale and Dolphin Watching Tour for 2 persons • \$100 Voucher from Taxi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Mike’s Whale and Dolphin Watching Tour for 2 persons • \$100 Voucher from Taxi
3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Mike’s Whale and Dolphin Watching Tour for 2 persons • \$50 Voucher from Taxi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Mike’s Whale and Dolphin Watching Tour for 2 persons • \$50 Voucher from Taxi

Essays will be judged based on the following criteria:

- **Focus/Main Point** - The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects original insight and ideas;
- **Support** – Persuasively supports main point with well-developed reasons and/or examples;
- **Organization & Format** – Effectively organizes ideas to build a logical, coherent argument;
- **Language Use & Style** – Effective and creative use of elements of style to enhance meaning; and
- **Conventions** – Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation throughout with very few errors.