



GUIDELINES FOR THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE POETRY COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Participants will be required to write a poem based on the theme: “Weather-Ready, Climate-Smart”.
- Poems may be rhymed or free verse.
- All poems must have a title and must not exceed 25 lines in length (excluding title).
- Entries should be typed and printed in black ink on letter size paper at a minimum type size of 12pt. Handwritten entries will not be accepted.
- Schools are allowed to submit multiple entries.
- Each participant is allowed to submit one poem.
- All entries must be the original work of the participant.
- Poems must not have been previously published.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. Forms are available on the TTMS website: http://www.metoffice.gov.tt/Art_Poetry
- The entrant’s name must not appear on the poem itself.
- Each participating student must have the completed entry form stamped by their school and signed by their principal or teacher.
- Alterations cannot be made once poems are submitted.
- Any school/student found to be in breach of the guidelines herein stated, the school/student will be disqualified.
- Judges decisions are considered final.
- The Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service reserves the right to use the submitted poems for display and promotion after the competition; poets will however be given due credit.
- **Children of employees of the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service, Ministry of Public Utilities and the Office of the Prime Minister Tobago Affairs - Central Administrative Services Tobago are not eligible to enter this competition.**

Submission Requirements

Poems and completed entry forms can be submitted via email to:
metcommunications@gov.tt.

Participants can also submit poems and completed entry forms at the TTMS office in Trinidad or Tobago in an envelope labelled:

TTMS POETRY COMPETITION
Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service
Rawinsonde Building
South Terminal, Piarco International Airport
Piarco
Trinidad



or

TTMS POETRY COMPETITION
Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service
ANR Robinson International Airport
Cromstain Trace
Crown Point
Tobago

Judging Criteria

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

- Relevance to theme
- Creativity (originality)
- Style and Presentation
- Imagery and use of language

Winners

12 finalists will be selected primary school level in Trinidad and Tobago.

Winning entries will be featured on the TTMS website, Instagram and Facebook pages.

The top three finalists will be awarded prizes.

Some of the finalists will also be invited to recite their poems at the TTMS Open House on World Meteorological Day, Friday 23rd March 2018.

Prize allocation will be made available on the TTMS website and social media platforms by February 28th 2018.

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Deadline for Submission

Friday 9th March 2018 at 3:00pm.

For further inquiries, please contact the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service at 225-3479/3498/3497 or email us at: metcommunications@gov.tt.