



POETRY

2024 Ocean Competition

The Department of Science & Innovations in partnership with NRF-SAEON invites you to participate in the 2024 Ocean Competition for learners from grades R-12 based in South Africa. This competition aims to inspire and educate on the beautiful Ocean or highlight some of the challenges in the Ocean through your poetry. Your artwork can be based on any one of the themes for this year's poetry competition:

THEMES

- How do you or your community connect to the Ocean?
- Indigenous Knowledge and the Ocean
- Marine Pollution in the Ocean
- Climate Change and the Ocean
- Sustainable fisheries and the Ocean

COMPETITION RULES

- The poem should use one or more of the themes listed above and be between 400 to 500 words. The font size should be 12 and in Times New Roman and 1.5 lines spacing. The title of the poem must be clearly stated. The poem needs to be also recorded and a video recording of you performing your poem together with the written poem needs to be submitted.
- Originality and creativity in addressing the theme is an important aspect of the poem. The clarity and effectiveness of the message and inspiring others to take action is an important part of this poem.
- Poems may be written in English or any other official South African Language of your choice.
- This poem should not be a poem that has already been published or submitted for another competition.
- This competition is open to all school learners from grades R-12 based in South Africa.
- All works submitted for this competition must be learners' original works.
- Any scientific facts or statistics used in the poem need to be accurate and attributed correctly.
- No copyrighted materials are allowed in this poem and if there is copyrighted material, the poem will be disqualified.
- The entry forms need to be signed off by a parent/guardian.
- Entries will be judged in the primary school and high school categories
- Poems containing offensive or discriminatory content will be disqualified
- Please note that by sending your poem to the education@saeon.nrf.ac.za email address, you are giving the competition sponsors permission to use the poem for other purposes, such as websites and publications of the sponsoring organizations. Credit to the poet will be applied whenever the poem is used.
- Prizes for each category include a Tablet and vouchers. The judges will make the final decision on the awarding of the prizes.
- The submission date is on or before the 4 June 2024 at 5 pm South African Standard Time and must be emailed with the entry form and video to: education@saeon.nrf.ac.za.

ENTRIES CLOSE 4 JUNE 2024 @ 5 PM

Please submit your entry form and submission to education@saeon.nrf.ac.za