

NATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility and Entry Conditions

1. The competition is open to all high school students between ages 16 and 20 years old residing in Malaysia.
2. Each participant may submit only one essay; the essay must be between 1,000 and 1,500 words and written in the English language.
3. The essay must be inspiring and have a persuasive call to action on the issues discussed.
4. The essay must be typed in Times New Roman, 12 points, justified, 1.5 between lines, and 2.0 between paragraphs.
5. The essay must be submitted through the online portal: apps.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/essay.
6. Submission deadline for this competition is on/before midnight of **August 31, 2021**.
7. By submitting the essay, the participant agrees that:
 - it is an original piece of work and unpublished.
 - personal information provided in the entry form is true and accurate.
 - the entry has met the word count, format, and topic.
 - they have read, agreed, and are bound to the Terms and Conditions of the competition.
 - the essay will not be returned.
 - UCSI University has the right to reprint or publish the essay in any format without compensation.
 - UCSI University has the right to collect, make use of, and retain their personal details.
8. The Organiser reserves the right to request relevant identification of the participant to ensure they are eligible for entry and prizes.
9. The top three winners will be required to speak between three and five minutes about the content of their essays at the prize-giving ceremony on **September 21, 2021**.
10. The winners shall agree to allow UCSI University and associated parties to publish their names, photographs, essays, or any other information without further compensation and notice; all details and content(s) of the said essays shall belong solely to UCSI University.

Conditions for the Bursary

1. The bursary awarded is applicable for Foundation studies or Diploma Year 1 studies at UCSI University.
2. The bursary awarded is in the form of a tuition fee waiver for the programmes and durations offered at UCSI University and is neither transferable to another candidate nor exchangeable for cash.

3. The bursary amount will be disbursed equally over the first six semesters of the study; recipients are responsible for the outstanding fee amount.
4. The bursary awarded is for the 2022 intakes only; arrangement to join a later intake could be made for recipients who are studying Form 4 and Form 5 in the year 2021.
5. Recipients shall be **full-time registered students** at UCSI University, meeting the minimum entry requirements of the institution.
6. Recipients are to maintain an academic record of a minimum **CGPA of 3.00** every semester throughout the length of the bursary; failing to do so may result in suspension or discontinuation of the bursary.
7. Recipients are to voluntarily contribute effort and time by participating in various workplace and community projects by the institution and UCSI University Trust.
8. Tuition fee waivers are not cumulative; if a recipient qualifies for other UCSI scholarships, grants, assistantship, or sibling's scheme, the recipient will be entitled to either one that they are eligible for.

Liability

UCSI University will **not** be responsible or liable for:

1. Any date changes or delays to the competition due to any reason whatsoever.
2. Any injury, loss, damages, or costs of any kind suffered/incurred resulting from participation in this competition or in result of accepting or utilising the prizes awarded.

General

1. The judges' decision is final and no appeals will be allowed.
2. The Organiser reserves the right to amend, remove, alter and/or adjust the terms and conditions at any time; however, the changes will be duly notified on the website or any other designated area.

For more information, please drop us an email at **merdekaessay@ucsiuniversity.edu.my**.