



## FCCA FOUNDATION 2025 CHILDREN'S ESSAY COMPETITION

***"If I were a cruise passenger, what would I like to see or do in my country?"***

All grade/primary/secondary school students in FCCA partner destinations are invited to participate in the FCCA Foundation for the Caribbean 2025 Children's Essay Contest.

### **RULES & GUIDELINES**

- The essay contest will be conducted in two age categories:

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| <b>Junior Division</b> | Children ages 12 and under (contestant may not have passed his/her 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday by September 26, 2025).   |
| <b>Senior Division</b> | Children ages 13 to 16 years (contestant may not have passed his/her 17 <sup>th</sup> birthday by September 26, 2025). |

**Each student must submit one essay written in English, 500 words in length, on the following topic:**

***"If I were a cruise passenger, what would I like to see or do in my country?"***

- Essays will be judged on the following criteria: content/subject, creativity, style/structure and grammar.
- Each entry must be accompanied by the following information on the form provided:
  - ✓ Country
  - ✓ Name of Student (in CAPITALS)
  - ✓ Student's Date of Birth
  - ✓ Address of Student
  - ✓ Student's Telephone Number
  - ✓ Name of School
  - ✓ Address of School
  - ✓ Name of School Principal
  - ✓ School Telephone Number
- The contest will be conducted in three rounds:

**Round 1** Competition will be conducted in schools throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America. Each individual entry must be submitted through the contestant's school.

#### **FCCA Member Lines**

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Two winners from each school, one from each age category, will be chosen by the teachers and staff/selection committee of that school.

Each school must submit their entries, one from each age category, to their country's selection committee (*Ministry of Tourism*) no later than **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

**Round 2** Each country's selection committee is to choose one winner from each age group from the entries received to represent the country.

Each country is to submit the original essays **written in English** for their two winners (**one from each age category**) to the FCCA no later than **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

You can e-mail us the essay winners while we await the originals by mail.

**Round 3** The FCCA's Selection Committee will determine a first, second and third place winner for the two age categories from the essays submitted by all participating countries. The committee's decision is final.

The FCCA will notify all winners by **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

The FCCA reserves the right to use the entrant's name and photograph for promotional purposes. All entries, including all rights to publish or reproduce the **essays** (using the entrant's name), become the property of the FCCA.

#### **PRIZE AWARDS**

The FCCA will award the **first, second** and **third** place winners from the two age categories as follows:

| <b>Junior Division (Ages 12 &amp; Under)</b> |  | <b>Student</b>     | <b>School</b> |
|--|--|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                        |  | Laptop             | US \$3,000    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                        |  | Touchscreen devise | US \$1,500    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                        |  | Smartphone         | US \$1,000    |
| <b>Senior Division (Ages 13 to 16)</b>       |  | <b>Student</b>     | <b>School</b> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                        |  | Laptop             | US \$3,000    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                        |  | Touchscreen devise | US \$1,500    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                        |  | Smartphone         | US \$1,000    |

**To reward students for their efforts, all finalists (except first, second and third place winners in each category) submitted by their countries will receive US \$200.00.**

Thank you and good luck!

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