



POETRY

2023 Atlantic Ocean Competition

The Department of Science & Innovations in partnership with NRF-SAEON invites you to participate in the 2023 Atlantic Ocean Competition for learners from grades R-12 based in South Africa. The aim of this competition is to inspire and educate on the beautiful Atlantic Ocean or highlight some of the challenges in the Atlantic 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 Atlantic Ocean?
- Indigenous Knowledge and the Atlantic Ocean
- Marine Pollution in the Atlantic Ocean
- Climate Change and the Atlantic Ocean
- Sustainable fisheries and the Atlantic 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
- All entries for this competition will be displayed and showcased at the All Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance (AAORIA) meeting (21 and 22 November 2023).
- Please note that by sending your poem to the atlanticoceancomp@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 13th of November at 5 pm South African Standard Time and must be emailed with the entry form and video to: atlanticoceancomp@saeon.nrf.ac.za.

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



ENTRY FORM

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INFORMATION

Name and Surname of Learner **Grade** **Age**

Name of School **School Type**
 Private Public Home School
 Individual Entry Other:

Contacts details for correspondence regarding the competition and the winners

Email **Phone**

Which category are you entering in: Please tick your response
 Poster Poetry Video

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Please tick your response

I confirm that the submission for the Atlantic Ocean Art Competition is my child's own original creation Yes No

The prizes will be awarded according to the judge's decision and this cannot be contested. Yes No

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless NRF-SAEON as well as its employees, the research infrastructures, and other sponsors of this contest against any and all claims, actions, or damages Yes No

I hereby give permission for my child's submission to be entered in this contest, displayed at the conference, and used in promotional materials and I agree to the terms outlined in this form and the contest announcement Yes No

Parent/ Guardian Name & Surname:

Parent/ Guardian Signature:

Date:

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