

ANNEXURE A

Additional important information

1. Entry requirements:
 - All essays must be submitted in English.
 - All essays must be typed.
 - The essay title must appear on the first page of the essay.
 - The number of words of the essay must also appear on the first page.
 - All pages must be numbered.
 - The school and learner's name must appear on the cover page of the essay.
 - In the bibliography, references must be according to the American Psychological Association or Harvard reference method.
 - The essay, excluding the bibliography, must contain between 2 200–2 500 words.
2. The oral presentation forms part of the total competition mark and must be conducted in English at school and during the final adjudication.
3. **The following documents must accompany each entry:**
 - (a) Completed entry form
 - (b) Marked essay and completed rubric
 - (c) Certified copy of entrant's South African identity document or birth certificate
 - (d) Certified copy of entrant's Grade 10 academic results and Grade 11 academic results up to and including June of the grade 11 year
 - (e) Declaration of authenticity
 - (f) Proof of combined income of parents/guardians
4. **Competition time frames**
 - 4.1 Final date for essays to be submitted to the school convenor: **27 August 2026**
 - 4.2 Adjudication at schools: **30 August to 03 September 2026**
 - 4.3 Submission to district office: **10 September 2026**

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 - 4.4 Adjudication at district level to be completed by an appointed panel during October 2026.

- 4.5 The 10 best entries per district (limited to two entries per school) to be submitted to the Deputy Chief Education Specialist: Economics at the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) Head Office by **16 October 2026**.
- 4.6 Finalists will be selected by a panel by February 2027.
- 4.7 Finalists interviewed and winners announced on a Friday afternoon and Saturday in April/May 2027.

5. **Adjudication information**

5.1 Primary criteria

- 5.1.1 The focus of the competition is on academic excellence and the potential of each learner.
- 5.1.2 Essays will be judged primarily on merit.
- 5.1.3 Essays of equal merit will be evaluated further, using the following criteria:
- academic results (Grade 10 results and Grade 11 results up to and including June results of the grade 11 year);
 - learner's financial needs, based on parents' or guardians' household income;
 - disabilities (equal opportunities will be taken into account); and
 - learner's community involvement and commitment to addressing the country's socio-economic problems.

5.2 Additional criteria

The final adjudication panel will interview the finalists to determine the winners. The panel will evaluate each learner in terms of the following criteria:

- (a) intellectual sparkle;
- (b) ability to formulate and express a rational argument; and
- (c) knowledge and understanding of current socio-economic issues.

6. **General information**

- 6.1 The best essays of the total number submitted will be selected as finalists.
- 6.2 All finalists will be guests of the Western Cape Provincial Government and will be expected to attend all arranged functions.
- 6.3 Due to the in-person nature of both the adjudication and award sessions, transportation and accommodation may be required. Where applicable, transportation and accommodation costs will be covered for participants from rural districts.
- 6.4 Educators will be expected to act as mentors for learners by offering guidance during the in-person sessions. Where applicable, transportation and accommodation costs for educators from rural districts will also be covered.