



## Science Essay Competition for school children: Grade 10 and above

Organized by: Committee for popularization of Science of the SLAAS

The purpose of this competition is to popularize Science among school children, hone their science writing skills and stimulate children to think.

### Essay Topics

English: The Digital Child: How Technology is Reshaping Lives of Children.

Sinhala: ඩිජිටල් දරුවා: ඩිජිටල් තාක්ෂණයෙන් දරුවන්ගේ ජීවිතය හැඩගැස් වීම

தமிழ்: எண்ணியல் சிறுவர்: நவீன தொழில்நுட்பம் சிறார்கள்ளின் வாழ்க்கையை எவ்வாறு மாற்றி அமைக்கின்

### Rules for applicants

- The competition is open for students of grade 10 and above in Sri Lanka.
- Medium – English /Sinhala / Tamil.
- One student can submit an essay in only one language.
- The principal / Head of the school must certify that the applicant is a student of his / her school and that the essay was written by the student.
- The essay must be written in clear handwriting or typewritten
- Essays written in illegible handwriting would be rejected.
- The essay should contain not less than 750 words and not more than 1000 words.
- Children of officials and members of the Council, statutory committees and other committees of SLAAS would not be eligible to participate.
- One student will be permitted to submit only one essay.

### Awards

- Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places would be selected from each province in all three languages.
- The school to which the student winning the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place attends would be regarded as the school winning the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places from the province.
- The winning Students and the winning schools would be awarded certificates at the annual sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) which would be held in December 2024 in Colombo.
- The 1st place-winning essays and the photographs of the authors would be displayed as a poster during the annual sessions and on the SLAAS website.
- The decision of the SLAAS council regarding winners would be final.

### How to participate

- Complete the application form given below.

- Obtain certification from the principal / Head of the school that the applicant is a student of his / her school and that the essay was written by the student.
- Post the completed application form and the essay to :

Secretary, CPS, Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science 120/10, Vidya Mandiraya, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7. (*The top left-hand corner of the envelope should indicate "Science Essay Competition"*)

Application forms and essays should reach the above address before **01 st June 2024** .

## Application Form

1. Full name of Student. -----
2. Age of student. -----
3. Grade of the student. -----
4. Contact number of student. -----
5. Postal address of the student. -----
6. E-mail address (optional). -----
7. Name of School. -----
8. Address of school. -----
9. Province to which the school belong. -----
10. Contact number of school. -----

I wish to enrol in the Science essay competition conducted by the Committee for the Popularization of Science (CPS) of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS). I also undertake to abide by the rules laid down by the SLAAS for this competition. Herewith I enclose my completed application form for the Science Essay Competition and my essay. I declare that the essay was compiled and written by me.

Signature of the student. :-

### **Endorsement of Principal/equivalent of the school.**

I certify that ----- is a student in Grade ----- of my school and that the essay was written by the applicant.

I accept the condition that my school would be declared the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning school from the province in the event of this student achieving the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place from the province.

Name of Principal:-

Name of School:-

Educational Province:-

Signature of Principal:-

(Please place the seal of the school)