



THE SABS ESSAY COMPETITION 2016

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS

This annual essay competition is organised in an effort to encourage tertiary students' interest in standardization early on in their student life and careers and give them a creative theme from which they can learn about standardization, with the view to get them to participate fully in standardization throughout their careers. It also aims to inspire society to learn from young minds and to consider how each of us can make a difference in the world through standardization.

THEME

"Standards enable an inclusive economy"

Standards connect us with reliable modes of communication, codes of practice and trusted frameworks for cooperation. Introducing common interpretations on reciprocal sides of a communication or transaction, standards are essential to mutually beneficial trade and resource efficient national and international commerce.

Social interaction relies on common respect for fundamental sets of norms, concepts or meanings – standards codify these norms to ensure that they are accessible to all. A product or service conforming to a standard is imbued with a trusted symbol of quality, safety or compatibility. Standards speak to the diversity of our interconnected world, introducing uniformity at the interfaces where we need to be certain that we are speaking on the same terms.

Entrants to the competition are required to write an essay of 500 to 1500 words indicating the importance of standards in our daily lives, focusing on inefficiencies in the South African economic environment which can be addressed by standardization.

DEADLINE

Entries must be submitted by 18:00 on October 06 , 2016 to essay@sabs.co.za

AWARDS

The following awards will be given respectively:

- 1st Prize R 10 000
- 2nd Prize R 5 000
- 3rd Prize R 2 500

GUIDELINES

1. Essays may be submitted by anyone who is currently registered at any South African University.
2. Essays must be 500 to 1500 words, in English. Essays may be typed or printed.
3. Essays must have a cover page indicating (1) Your Name and Essay title; (2) Name of University, Programme registered for and year of study; (3) Address; (4) Phone number; (6) Email; (7) Nationality; (8) Age; (9) Gender; (10) Word count.
4. Entries may be submitted by email to essay@sabs.co.za
5. Essays must be original and previously unpublished. Plagiarised entries will be rejected.
6. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays will not be accepted.
7. Copyright of the essays entered will be assigned to the South African Bureau of Standards.
 - * The shortlisted candidates will be invited to an awards ceremony at the SABS campus, where they will be expected to present a synopsis of their essay.
 - * Entries missing any of the above mentioned information will not be considered.
 - * Please note that the organiser will confirm receipt of essays.