



LANGUAGES FOR LIFE 2025 COMPETITION

DESCRIPTION

The Centre for Language Learning invites students, from Forms 4 to 6 to enter our “**Languages for Life**” 2025 Competition! This year’s theme is ***One World, Many Voices***. What do we gain when we value many languages in one place? How can languages enrich communities and make the world more connected? How do young people benefit from learning to communicate across cultures? Let us know via any one of the media below and you could win one of our attractive cash prizes! The competition runs from **October 1, 2025 - December 12, 2025**. Winners will be announced in March 2026 at the CLL’s Open House.

CATEGORY 1

ESSAY (individual)

- a) Word limit: 650-800 words
- b) Formatting: Times New Roman, size 12pt, double-spaced
- c) Submissions will be judged according to the following criteria: use of language (40%), organization (36%), and content (24%)

CATEGORY 2

POSTER (individual)

- a) Size: 24 inches x 36 inches (hard copy), 8.5 inches x 36 inches (digital submission)
- b) Digital entries can be submitted in PPT or PDF formats
- c) Submissions will be judged according to the following criteria: content (40%), organization (36%), and design (24%)

CATEGORY 3

SPOKEN WORD (individual)

- a) Audio recording: 1 to 2 minutes in duration
- b) Submissions will be judged according to the following criteria: lyrical content - consistency of poem in exploring the theme (40%), style - how well literary devices are employed to express the poem (40%), and delivery - voice, intonation, pronunciation, memory and non-verbal communication (20%)

CATEGORY 4

SHORT FILM (group)

- a) Only teams of three are eligible for this category
- b) Video recording: 2 to 3 minutes in duration
- c) Submissions will be judged according to the following criteria: content (40%), creativity (40%) and quality of recording (20%)



GUIDELINES:

1. Participants are limited to submitting one item ONLY. All submissions must be original. Submissions must not contain any copyrighted material. Intellectual property rights must be observed.
2. Use of AI is permitted but limited to brainstorming and conceptualizing ideas. Prompts used in this phase should be cited.
3. The language of the competition is English, although short phrases in foreign language(s) can also be incorporated.
4. Submissions must include your name, age, email address, telephone number, school, and labeled "Languages for Life".
5. Submissions must not contain material that is violent, unlawful or threatening to any person or group in the society, or contain information that may be deemed offensive or defamatory.
6. By entering the competition, participants grant the competition organizers the right to use print, audio and audio-visual submissions in any and all media as they deem fit.
7. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. The judges' decisions are final.
8. Online submissions can be sent to languagesforlife2015@gmail.com
9. Walk-in submissions can be delivered to the Centre for Language Learning, Lewis Avenue, UWI St. Augustine Attn: Ms Janine Lutchman.

PRIZES:

- 1st Place: TT\$1000.00
2nd Place: TT\$750.00
3rd Place: TT\$500.00

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

December 12, 2025 at midnight