KISKADEE WATCH

THE *KISKADEE WATCH* - GUYANA YOUTH CREATIVE ESSAY COMPETITION

Invest in Guyana's Future!

Do you have an idea about something that should be done to ensure a bright future for Guyana and all Guyanese? Are you so sure about it that you want to tell everyone who will listen? What's its core feature? Who needs to be involved? How might you participate in its implementation? How would your idea(s) change things?

We want to hear from you about your vision for Guyana's future!

ELIGIBILITY: The competition is open to young people living in Guyana, across Regions One to Ten. There are two categories:

- Category 1: Ages 15 to 17 years, 11 months.
- Category 2: Ages 18 to 25 years.

REQUIREMENTS

- **Submit an essay that expands on the following prompt: "Invest in Guyana's Future!"**
- 750 words maximum
- Your idea or topic (politics, society, economics, sports, business, religion, education, culture, etc.) must be relevant to the lives of Guyanese
- Submissions must be previously unpublished
- Submissions can take a fiction or non-fiction approach. We are looking for creative and imaginative interpretations of the theme that will catch readers' attention!
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) must not be used in the writing of your essay

DEADLINE: Midnight October 31st, 2026. Submit to essay@kiskadeewatch.com with 'Category 1' or 'Category 2' in the subject line.

Submissions must include the author's name, proof of age, Guyana mailing address, contact email, and phone number. The email must also state the following: "I confirm that Artificial Intelligence (AI) was not used in the writing of my essay."

JUDGING:

The three best essays in each category will be chosen by an experienced judging panel. Judges will focus on the novelty of the idea and the imaginative interpretation of the essay prompt, as well as the quality of the writing. Once the shortlist is published, *Kiskadee Watch* subscribers and advertisers will vote for the winning essay!

PRIZES:

- The three finalists in each category will have their essays published in Kiskadee Watch, Guyana's independent online newspaper, with a growing readership locally, regionally and internationally.
- One cash prize of G$100,000 each will be awarded to the winners; G$50,000 each to the second-place winners, and G$25,000 each to the third-place winners.