



TATI, Inc. in collaboration with
the Institute of Caribbean Studies presents



2018 Caribbean American Youth

12th annual **essay** competition



TOPIC

In 1,000 to 1,500 words, tell us:

"Do you feel the international community has done enough to assist the Caribbean islands devastated by the hurricanes of 2017? Please explain."

Competition ends May 25, 2018

Complete entry form below and deliver along with your essay to:

Student Affairs Director
TATI, Inc.
P. O. Box 100104
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310
or Email:
StudentAffairs@taticaribbean.com

prizes!

1st Prize: \$1,000

2nd Prize: \$ 500

3rd Prize: \$ 250

**Prizes awarded based on level of participation and standard of content.*



Name First Last Middle Initial
Address
Phone Cell: Home:
Email
School
Address
Grade
Explain your Caribbean Heritage connection:

Competition Rules*

- The competition is open to 11th and 12th grade students only.
- Student should have been born in the Caribbean or have at least one parent or guardian who was born in the Caribbean.
- Submitted entries must be as an individual effort, and must be original unpublished work.
- Only one entry per participant.
- Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, on 8 1/2" by 11" (letter-size) paper with pages numbered and 1 inch margins.
- Essays must be written in English
- Essay must include a bibliography.
- Separate cover page required.

**For the complete list of Essay Competition rules, visit our website: www.taticaribbean.com*



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For immediate release

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2018 Caribbean American Youth Essay Competition

Ft. Lauderdale, FL – April 9, 2018 - - The Institute of Caribbean Studies' ("ICS") National Commemorative Committee announces its twelfth annual National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. In observance of this, **Transforming America Through Interaction ("TATI"), Inc.** presents the annual **Caribbean American Youth Essay Competition**. This competition is geared toward High School students at the 11th and 12th grade level. *(Please see release attached)*. Competition ends May 25, 2018.

"Every year we look forward to continuing our mission of finding ways keep the children of the Caribbean-American Diaspora immersed in their culture and heritage," says Tanya Ragbeer, Chair of the Board of Directors of TATI, Inc. and ICS Liaison. "This year we have increased our scholarship award dollars to make it more competitive. The children of our Diaspora have proven that they are able to stand among the best and as tomorrow's leaders, knowing about their heritage contributes to building positive self esteem.

"For 2018 we are reviewing the impact of the recent hurricanes on the Caribbean. Having our youth contemplate solutions with regards to aid and support is one way to include them in the challenges that exist. It will be refreshing, as always to get their ideas and to have them understand that their input is valued."

TATI, Inc. was formed in memory of Tatiana McIntosh, daughter of Mrs. Tanya Ragbeer (the organization's founder and Chair), who passed away in an auto accident in 2007. It is the mission of TATI, INC. to unite, educate and mentor youth; to merge cultures, instill strong moral values, personal identities and healthy communities; and to bridge social, cultural and generational gaps to develop Caribbean American pride and a solid foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

To learn more about Transforming America Through Interaction ("TATI"), Inc., visit their website at www.taticaribbean.org, or call 954-895-8384.

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Transforming America Through Interaction, Inc.

2018 Caribbean American Youth Essay Competition

The Institute of Caribbean Studies announced the twelfth annual, National Caribbean-American Heritage Month Youth Essay Competition. The competition is designed to commemorate the historic passage of a Congressional Resolution declaring June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. The Institute is partnering with area schools and colleges and organizations such as Transforming America Through Interaction ("TATI"), Inc., the University of the West Indies Alumni Association and others across the country to organize regional/local competitions. Information about the Institute and national Caribbean-American Heritage month activities may be obtained at www.icsdc.org.

This year's essay title presented by TATI, Inc. is: **"Do you feel the international community has done enough to assist the Caribbean islands devastated by the hurricanes of 2017? Please explain."**

The competition is open to 11th and 12th grade students who reside in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties and who are of Caribbean heritage as defined by the competition rules. The **closing date for the competition is Friday, May 25, 2018**.

Essay Competition Rules

1. The essay competition is open to 11th and 12th grade students who reside in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties and were either born in the Caribbean and/or have at least one parent or guardian who was born in the Caribbean.
2. Entries must be submitted as an individual effort, and must be **original unpublished** work. Essays **should not** be concurrently submitted for other competitions. Only one essay will be accepted from each author.
3. Entries in this essay competition must be titled: **"Do you feel the international community has done enough to assist the Caribbean islands devastated by the hurricanes of 2017? Please explain."**
4. While the content of the essay is of primary concern, proper grammar and spelling will also be factors in the judging.
5. The essays should be between 1,000 to 1,500 words, typewritten, double-spaced, 8 1/2" by 11" (letter-size) paper with all pages numbered. Margins must be 1 inch. The absolute minimum or maximum number of words must be observed.
6. The essay must be written in English and all entries must include a **bibliography**.
7. Entries that do not comply with any of the competition rules will be disqualified. A separate entry form and cover sheet with the following details **must** be included: essay title, writer's name, sex, grade and word count. **Neither** writer's name, **nor** the writer's country of Caribbean heritage should appear in the main essay or on the cover sheet.
8. The editorial board of the Institute of Caribbean Studies and/or TATI, Inc. reserves the right to edit essays selected for publication. All essays become the property of the Institute and/or TATI, Inc. and will not be returned.
9. The essays will be assessed in confidence by an independent panel of judges. No appeals will be entertained. Results of the local competition will be **announced** at the **Annual TATI, Inc. Family Fun Day on the Beach**, on **Sunday, June 10, 2018**.
10. Prizes* will be awarded for first, second and third place entries. Fourth and fifth place entries will be recognized with an honorable mention award. All awards and recognition will be solely at the discretion of the judging panel.
11. Award winners will be informed by mail and appropriate presentations of prizes* made.

***Prizes: 1st place: \$1,000.00; 2nd place*: \$500.00; 3rd place*: \$250.00**

**Prizes are awarded at the discretion of TATI, Inc., and are based on the level of participation and standard of content.*

Essays should be mailed, or emailed in MS Word format to attn: Student Affairs Director, TATI, Inc. **Entries must be submitted no later than May 25, 2018.**

Contact: Student Affairs Director, TATI, Inc.
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2018 Caribbean American Youth Essay Competition

Essay topic: *"Do you feel the international community has done enough to assist the Caribbean islands devastated by the hurricanes of 2017? Please explain."*

Official Entry Form

Name _____
First Last Middle Initial

Address _____

City State Zip

Phone _____
Cell Home

Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Grade _____

Explain your Caribbean heritage/connection

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