TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

Eligibility

1. Entry to this competition is free and open to Mauritian citizens only. Immediate family members of staff of the Financial Services Fund, operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius are not eligible for this competition.

2. The theme of the competition is ‘Mauritius, A Nation of Investors’

3. Eligibility of participants will be as follows:

   (a) **Category 1 : Quiz Competition - Grade 10 and Grade 11**
   students of any secondary schools in the Republic of Mauritius* (Team of 3 participants);

   (b) **Category 2 : Essay Competition - Grade 12 and Grade 13**
   students of any secondary schools in the Republic of Mauritius* (Team of 2 participants).

* Note: All students / participants constituting one team should attend the same school.

Prizes

4. The prizes for each category are as follows:

   1\textsuperscript{st} prize : Rs 30,000 per participant + YTC Challenge Trophy
   2\textsuperscript{nd} prize : Rs 20,000 per participant
   3\textsuperscript{rd} prize : Rs 10,000 per participant

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5. **Quiz Competition**

   Teams will go through the following rounds:

   (a) **Zonal Preliminary Test:** Preliminary rounds will be conducted in educational zones. Teams will have to go through these preliminary round(s) to progress to the semi-finals and final at zone level.

   Following the preliminary round(s), the **top 8 teams** will thereby progress to the semi-finals.
(b) **Zonal Quiz Competition:** During the semi-finals, the 8 teams will compete against each other in a quiz competition to qualify for the semi-finals and final at zone level.

Draws will determine the opposing teams for the quarter finals and semi-finals.

Please note that zone 4 and zone 5 will eventually be merged together to proceed for the finals at national level.

(c) **Finals at National Level:** The winner of each of the zones will compete against each other for the semi-finals and final at national level.

Draws will determine the opposing teams for the semi-finals.

Another round will be conducted between the losing finalists to determine the winner of the third prize.

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6. **Essay Competition**

An essay of 2500 to 3000 words including an executive summary of 300 words must be submitted as a preliminary test.

Title of the essay is: “Promoting a nation of investors”

The essay must be typed, justified and printed on one side of A4 paper using 1½ line spacing and characters of not less than 11 pt., font type ‘Calibri’.

Only one essay will be accepted from each team. The Financial Services Fund (FSF), operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius will not accept any late submissions. Essays which are found to be incorrect, incomplete or having been submitted after the closing date will be rejected.

The finalists will be called for the presentation of their essays through a viva voce or debate.

**Undertaking**

7. By submitting your essay to the FSF for this competition, you:

(a) declare that the essay is your own original work and has been written by you;

(b) declare that you are not violating, plagiarising or infringing the rights of third parties (which include but are not limited to copyright, privacy, publicity, personal or proprietary rights) and you agree that the FSF shall not be responsible for the infringement of any third party rights, moral or otherwise, that may arise as a result of your actions or omissions.

**Application**

8. **Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications online.** Online applicants should scan and upload their duly signed **Authorisation / Declaration Forms** which must **imperatively bear the seal of their respective schools** and **authorisation of responsible parties** where applicable (the Authorisation / Declaration Form can be downloaded from [www.fscmauritius.org](http://www.fscmauritius.org)).

In case applicants have difficulties in submitting online applications, they may download the PDF version of the Application Form from the website of the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius ([www.fscmauritius.org](http://www.fscmauritius.org)).
9. Participants under the age of 18 must obtain written permission from their responsible party before submitting their application and the FSF reserves the right to seek direct confirmation, verbal or written, from the responsible party concerned.

10. Incomplete applications will not considered.

11. The FSF reserves the right to amend the important dates, mentioned below, if necessary.

12. Each team will be required to send their duly filled in application form by post on the following address Financial Services Commission, Mauritius, FSC House, 54 Cybercity, Ebene 72201 or by email fsf@fscmauritius.org or by fax on 467 7172 by Friday 29 March 2019.

**Important dates**

The tentative dates are as follows:

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**Selection of winners**

13. A panel of judges will designate the winning team. The decision of the judges is final and may not be contested.

14. The prize awarded must be taken as provided and cannot be deferred.

15. If the FSF is unable to contact any winner after making reasonable efforts to do so or if the prize is not claimed within 90 days from the publication of results, the prize will be deemed to have been forfeited and the FSF reserves the right to present the prize to another participant selected by the judges.

16. Participants must supply full details as required, and comply with these terms and conditions to be eligible for the prize. The FSF accepts no responsibility for ineligible or fraudulent entries.

**Miscellaneous**

17. The FSF reserves the right to cancel this competition or amend the dates at any stage.

18. By entering into this competition, participants will be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of the competition and to have agreed to be bound by them.

19. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of the Republic of Mauritius.

20. This competition is administered by the Financial Services Fund, operating under the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius.