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Submission: July 1 - 7, 2024

Winners/prizes: October 1, 2024

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The 2024 *PositiveNaija Essay Competition* aims to promote: the culture of creativity, innovation, service and excellence; the dignity, safety and prosperity of Nigerians; Nigerian patriotism; impactful scholarship; and nation building.

Title of Essay:

“The Pinnacle of Nigerian Excellence”

Objective:

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Eligibility:

- Essay submissions are free – at no cost to the participants
- Open to all persons of any nationality
- Participants and winners of the previous PositiveNaija initiatives can still participate
- PositiveNaija Team and the Advisory Judges are not eligible excluding the Volunteers – who have no involvement in the organisation of the Event]

Essay format:

- Maximum of 1,500 words (excluding references).
- At the beginning or end of the essay, state only your full names, nationality, email and telephone number(s).
- Must be submitted in both MS Word & Portable Document format (PDF).

Essay expectations:

- One (1) essay submission per person.
- Must be original, no plagiarism and not previously published.
- The competition language and the language of entries is English.
- Truth, logical consistency, facts with reliable references, narrative structure/organisation, creativity/initiative.
- Once an essay is submitted, it is considered a final submission and may not be modified, edited, or replaced.

Reward [cash prizes]:

- **1st prize: ₦70,000**
- **2nd prize: ₦50,000**
- **3rd prize: ₦30,000**

Reward [certificates]: Top 10

Reward [publication]:

Top 10 essays are published on the PositiveNaija website.

Timelines:

- Submission dates by participants: **July 1 – 7, 2024.**
- *PositiveNaija* review and submit Top 10 best entries to Advisory Judges: **July 10 – August 10, 2024.**
- Blind review by Advisory Judges who shall [individually] assess, grade and rank the entries: **August 10 – 30, 2024.**
- Decision on top 10 entries by Advisory Judges is published (without ranking) on the Competition Page: **1st September 2024.**

NOTE:

Decisions by the Judges are final and are not subject to legal appeal

- Profiles of the top 10 participants are requested and top **4th – 10th** are published: **September 1 – 4, 2024**
- The audience will then determine the final ranking for Positions **4th – 10th** with an open and public online vote – multiple votes are allowed: **September 5 – 11, 2024.**
- *PositiveNaija* collates; prepares and issue certificates: **September 12 – 18, 2024.**
- The audience will then determine the final ranking and winner (top 3) with an open and public online vote – multiple votes are allowed: **September 19 – 25, 2024.**
- *PositiveNaija* collates and prepares certificates: **September 26 – 30, 2024.**
- Wole Joshua & Co. audits entire competition process: **July – September 30, 2024.**
- Overall winner (and essay)/results are declared/published: **1st October 2024.**

- Payments made and certificate issued to winners:
1st October 2024.

Submission:

Email: positivenaija@yahoo.com

Deadline: **7 July 2024 - 11:59 PM (GMT +1)**

ANNEX 1 – Voting Rights and Weights

*The Advisory Judges shall grade each entry with a total of 100

*The grades of the Advisory Judges shall have 99% (0.99) voting weight

*The audience (the general public) can vote as many times possible

*The votes of the audience shall have a 1% (0.01) voting weight

Judges	Entry A	Entry B	Entry C	Public Votes (A)	Public Votes (B)	Public Votes (C)
Judge 1 (/100)	20	75	100	-	-	-
Judge 2 (/100)	60	75	95	-	-	-
Judge 3 (/100)	40	80	100	-	-	-
Judge 4 (/100)	55	65	90	-	-	-
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>2,500</i>
Weighted	173.25	292.05	381.15	10	40	25
TOTAL	183.25	332.05	406.15 (Winner)			