

## Secondary Schools Essay Competition Instruction Guide

### Topic:

To reduce the harmful impact of plastic pollution, explain in detail, five (5) ways the Office of Procurement Regulation can incorporate specific requirements in their tendering process to encourage a supplier (food, stationery, or office equipment) to use plastic alternatives towards ensuring Sustainable Procurement practices.

### Research Tip:

Participants should review the OPR's sustainable procurement guidelines (<https://opr.tt.org/sustainable-development-sustainable-procurement-pdf/>).

The theme of the piece should tie in with the UN World Environment Day's 2023 theme "#BeatPlasticPollution" (<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/about/theme>).

### Rules:

- Ages 13-15 only
- The essay should be well structured, researched and all quotations should be cited.
- Between 1500-1700 words
- Incorrectly completed entries will be disqualified.
- Must be participant's own original work.
- Children of employees of the OPR are not allowed to participate.

### Deadline:

Submit essays via email to [feedback@opr.org.tt](mailto:feedback@opr.org.tt) by 4PM on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Please note:** Any further queries, kindly email us at [feedback@opr.org.tt](mailto:feedback@opr.org.tt)