



*Building the Nation Through Regulation*

## **The Real Estate Board National High Schools' Essay Competition**

**Topic:** *"Regulation in the real estate industry is key to ensuring a high standard of service delivery and ethical conduct; it is not intended to increase bureaucracy." Discuss.*

**Period:** September 4, 2018 – January 4, 2019

**Launch:** September 4, 2018

**When Due:** January 4, 2019 by 5:00 pm.

**Award of Prizes:** Winners will be announced in the month of February, 2019 and prizes awarded thereafter.

**Who:** This competition is open to students of registered high schools in Jamaica.

**Purpose:** This competition is designed to give High School students the opportunity to think critically and analytically about the regulation of the Real Estate Sector and the role and functions of the Real Estate Board.

**Essay Length:** 1200-1500 words typed and double-spaced. (Title, footnotes and bibliography are not included in the final word count).

**How to Enter:** Entries must be sent to:

The Real Estate Board, 24 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10 or, emailed to [info@reb.gov.jm](mailto:info@reb.gov.jm)

Entries may be submitted electronically via email, or in hard copy.

**Prizes:** The essay competition will award first, second and third place winners with a trophy and cash prizes of \$30,000, \$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

**Judges:** A panel of three to five judges will be selected to score scripts.

### **Essay Competition Rules**

#### ***General Rules***

1. Each contestant may submit one essay only.
2. Each essay must reflect the contestant's own research, writing and original thinking.
3. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be properly identified or cited. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
4. The Real Estate Board will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to or permission from the author.
5. Essays must be written in Standard English. Font size is to be 12 point in Times New Roman. Paper size should be either A4 or standard (8 ½ x 11) letter size.
6. Family members or persons within the same household of The Real Estate Board staff members are ineligible to participate.
7. All entrants must have a valid Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN) and winners will have to submit same to be awarded prizes.
8. All entries including the copyright(s) and all other rights therein, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Real Estate Board.
9. The photographs, video, sound recording or any content connected to this competition may be used, broadcasted, exhibited, distributed, advertised, publicized, promoted or otherwise used, including without limitation commercial and non-commercial publishing in any and all media.

#### ***Competition Rules***

1. Failure to write on the official topic will result in disqualification.
2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing: topic, number of words, writer's name, address, telephone number, name of school.
3. Essays must be type-written and double-spaced.
4. Essays must contain 1000-1500 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title page, bibliography, or footnotes identifying non-original material.

5. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with the first page of the essay, not the title page. The numbers must be centred at the bottom of each page.
6. The decision of the Real Estate Board and its judges is final.

***Other Terms and Conditions***

1. Essays submitted will not be returned. They become the sole and exclusive property of the Real Estate Board. The Board may reprint essays in part or in full and use as it deems necessary. Credit will however be given to the author.
2. The administration of the contest including determining the eligibility of a participant or essay, standard of essays and awarding of prizes is within the absolute discretion of the Real Estate Board.
3. The Real Estate Board assumes no responsibility for loss, delayed or incomplete entries as a result of postal delays or technical problems.

***Acknowledgment of Rules, Terms and Conditions***

The submission of an essay constitutes full and complete acknowledgement and acceptance of these rules.