



## GUIDE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WAJIBU ACCOUNTABILITY ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

In an effort to promote fiscal accountability in Tanzania, WAJIBU has organized an essay competition for the Accountability Club members at the Higher Learning Institutions.

**Theme/Topic:**

***Promoting public financial accountability in Tanzania by increasing youth participation in the national budget processes at the local level.***

**Evaluation Process:** the essay will be evaluated based on the three areas as listed below;

**1. Areas of Consideration on the theme: (75 Marks)**

The Essay should focus on how to promote youth participation in the national budget processes at local level in Tanzania. Your essay therefore should consider the following issues;

- i. Briefly explain your understanding on the national budget preparation process (15 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain your personal experience; have you ever participated in the national budget process? What was your experience (15 marks)
- iii. What are the requirements for the youth to participate in the national budget process? (15 marks)
- iv. What are the innovative ways/ approaches which can motivate and attract youth to participate in the national budget process? (15 marks)
- v. What should the government do to entice youth to participate in the national budget process? (15 marks).

**2. Assessment Criteria: (15 marks)**

Participants will be assessed based on knowledge of the subject matter, critical thinking and storytelling skills, essay structure, referencing and evidence, demonstrated creativity and originality of respective work and language use.

**3. Rules of the Competition: (10 marks)**

- Essay must be typed, times new roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5, the format shall be single spaced, and 3 maximum pages A4 pages and in PDF format. Essay must not exceed 1,500 words.
- A recent passport size photo, a copy of student's identity card and a copy of National Identity card must be sent to WAJIBU official email [wajibu.institute@gmail.com](mailto:wajibu.institute@gmail.com) ONLY essays sent to this email will be considered.



- Essay should be written in English.
- Essay submitted should be an original work of the student participating in the contest.
- Plagiarized (copying other peoples' work) essay will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

**Selection of Top Five Winners:** The top five winners will be attending a presentation which will carry 100 marks.

- The top 5 Essays will be selected for a final round of competition,
- The top 5 candidates will be required to do presentations (virtual or physical) in order to select the top 3 winners,
- The individual presentations and one page write up, will determine the top three winners for the 2021 WAJIBU Accountability Essay competition.

### **Participants:**

The competition is open to **Only** Accountability Club members from six (6) Higher Learning Institutions, namely Mzumbe University-Morogoro, Institute of Rural Development Planning-Dodoma, Local Government Training Institute-Hombolo, Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU), Ruaha Catholic University- Iringa and Institute of Accountancy Arusha- Arusha.

### **How to participate:**

The essay should be submitted by email to [wajibu.institute@gmail.com](mailto:wajibu.institute@gmail.com) before **23:59 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. Essay received after this date will not be considered.

### **Key dates:**

DATE	EVENT
28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Open call for applications
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Submission deadline 2021 23:59 EAT
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Shortlisted candidates notified
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Individual presentation of the individual essays
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Winners will be announced in the at the National Youth Dialogue on Accountability

**Awards/Prizes:**

The following awards will be given to Winners in the following categories;

Top five (5) essay participants will have an opportunity to attend the National youth Dialogue on Accountability in Dodoma, and the top three winners will be given prizes as it will be determined by WAJIBU.

**Announcement of the winners:**

The winners will be announced at the National Youth Dialogue on Accountability which will be held on **29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**. The top five winners will also be awarded certificates of participation.