



## CCF Human Rights Competition – Essay

**Theme: What does Democracy look like to me during the COVID-19 Pandemic?**

### *Rules and Guidelines*

The Citizens' Constitutional Forum calls on interested writers to be part of its Human Rights Essay Competition activity that provides thought writers from around Fiji a space to showcase their creative and critical thinking skills, while sharing their views, opinion learnings and experiences on the subject topic – “What does Democracy look like to me during the COVID-19 Pandemic?”

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### **What to write about?**

Writers are encouraged to share in writing, their views, opinions, learnings and personal experiences of the subject topic and identify specific issues or related topics and areas that they feel best describes their understanding of Democracy under the COVID-19 context.

The contest is open to all and we urge all interested individuals to submit their own original entry.

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### **What are the rules of the essay competition?**

- Competition is open to Fiji residents from the age of 14 and above.
  - All entries must be typed in English
  - Entries that contain hate speech and the use of vulgar language will be disqualified.
  - CCF has the right to publicize the winners through the use of media.
  - The winning essays will be used for advocacy, publications and organizational activities. The authors of the essays used will be credited accordingly.
  - **Writing must be your own work.**
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### **What is the Marking Criteria?**

All entries will be marked by an independent panel of three judges who will look at the following details:

- **Structure:** essay should have a title/introduction/body/points and conclusion.



- **Content:** must have a clear message/theme/suggestions and recommendations linked to the topic for the competition.
- **Grammar:** essay must contain appropriate vocabulary/nouns, tense and correct spelling.
- **Style:** have creativity/language/use of idioms and layout
- **Reference and research:** essay must show some references or sources if participant choose to utilise research content belonging to another author
- **Personal feel:** participants are encouraged to share learnings and lived experiences relating to the topic

### How Do I Submit My Essay

Participants must send in their entries through the online form provided in the link below:

[Human Rights Essay Competition – Entry Form – Citizens' Constitutional Forum \(ccf.org.fj\)](http://ccf.org.fj)

It is highly suggested that participants utilise a word document to type out completed essay, then copy and paste in the essay entry form on the online platform (link provided above).

Due to COVID-19 developments around the country, CCF will not be accepting hard copy submissions. **Participants must strictly follow COVID-19 safety guidelines as specified by the Ministry of Health.**

According to their age, the applicant will have to indicate the correct category to which his/her entry belongs. Below is a table that shows the categories, word limit and prizes:

Category	Max No. of Words	Prizes
Ages 21 and above	1500	Top 5 Win \$200 each

Category	Max No. of Words	Prizes
Ages 17 years to 20 years	1000	Top 5 Win \$200 each

Category	Max No. of Words	Prizes
Ages 14 years to 16 years	700	Top 5 Win \$200 each

- Participants are only allowed to make one submission which will be deemed final. Revised versions will not be accepted.



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- All entries must be submitted before midnight on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

