

Call for Entries: Poetry Competition

Theme: Financial protection for a resilient future- Pacific Youth Perspective

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in collaboration with the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Disaster Risk Finance Working Group (DRFWG) is now inviting entries for a **poetry competition** based on the overall theme of ‘**Financial protection for a resilient future- Pacific Youth Perspective.**’ The poetry competition is part of the **Disaster Risk Finance Learning Series** which the PRP DRFWG launched in April 2022 to create greater awareness across the Pacific of the importance in investing in financial protection against disasters.

Disasters, caused by climate change and other hazards such as COVID-19, carry an expensive price tag, particularly in terms of the costs and resources that are involved in the immediate relief, recovery, and re-construction period.

The overall theme acknowledges that financial protection is crucial for building a resilient future. It further emphasizes the critical the role Pacific youths play in raising awareness, advocating and actions for a resilient future in the face of climate change and disasters including COVID19. According to the 2021 Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Forum Outcome Statement, the youth have called for “*access to equitable, critical, and intentional opportunities that cultivate new green jobs, entrepreneurship and **financing** which accelerates our regions capacity to address disaster risk and climate change.*” Engaging young people including people with disability is essential for resilience building.

Recognising the critical role that youths play in terms of resilience actions, the DRFWG intends to conduct this activity to engage youths to raise awareness of the crucial importance of disaster risk financing as an integral part of climate change and disaster resilience building. Also, to hear their perspective regarding strengthening financial protection within the context of the Pacific region. Interested participants are expected to submit a written poem and a short video of recitation of their poem. Poem in the native language with English translation is strongly encouraged. Messages must reflect the key theme as well as disaster risk financing and resilience building.


A. Eligibility

- The poetry competition is open to youth from the PICTs with age ranging from 13 years old to 35 years old in two (2) different categories. Young amateur and emerging poets are encouraged.
- Two (2) Categories:
 - 13 years old -18 years old
 - 19 year old -35 years old

B. Competition Rules

- The poem **MUST** submit be an **ORIGINAL** poem related to disaster risk financing and resilience to the impacts of climate change and disasters. It must also be aligned to the competition theme.
- A poem in its entirety must be an original work by the person entering the competition. Plagiarism is a serious offense and participants found plagiarizing will be disqualified.
- A poem may be written in any of the PICTs' language on the condition that an English translation is provided.
- Poems can be written in any poetic style and on the mentioned subject and theme.
- Participants are discouraged from using “texting” lingo. Properly spell out all words and numbers.
- Poems containing language that is vulgar, offensive, or wholly inappropriate will not be accepted.
- To allow others an opportunity, entry is limited to only one (1) entry per participant.
- Please read the competition rules and consent form carefully. If you wish to consent your child (**below 18 years of age**) to submit an entry, please complete and sign the consent form and submit together, with your entry.
- To maintain neutrality, the staff of PIFS and DRFWG and their immediate families (Spouse, Siblings, Children) are ineligible to win a prize but may participate to showcase creativity.
- All entries will become the property of the PIFS and the DRFWG. Except where prohibited by law, submission of an entry to this competition constitutes permission to use the winner's name, likeness, prize information, and information provided on the entry form for publicity purposes, without further permission or compensation.
- The PIFS and DRFWG reserves the right to modify submissions received for general promotion of Pacific resilience issues.
- Submissions received late, incomplete, incorrect, illegible entry forms, or missing consent forms (where applicable), will be considered invalid.

C. How to Enter

1. Upload your files (Written Poem, Video, Consent Form (where applicable), and Proof of Identity (*e.g. Official birth certificate/passport/Student ID*) and obtain a WeTransfer Link. Follow these following steps :
 - i. Go to <https://wetransfer.com/> and hit Enter
 - ii. Sign up if you wish to, otherwise click “No Thanks”
 - iii. Click on the circle with three dots 
 - iv. Select “Get transfer link” checkbox
 - v. Click on “Add your files or select a folder”
 - vi. Select your files to upload and click “open”. (*Multiple files can also be selected*)

- vii. Once all files have been selected, click “[Get a link](#)”
 - viii. Once upload is complete, click “[Copy link](#)”
 - ix. You will need to paste this link into the Online Submission Form. Directions are below.
2. To complete submission, go to <https://bit.ly/3QUWrtK>
 - a. **Personal Data:** In entering the Poetry Competition, participants consent to provide PIFS and DRFWG with certain personal data in order that it may administer the competition. Any personal data will be used only for the administration of the competition and as set out in the Competition Rules.
 - b. Enter your details into the form as required. It is a must that you complete and submit the online entry form if you wish to enter the competition.
 - c. Paste the link obtained from WeTransfer in Step 1 into the field required before submitting.
 3. Upon receipt of your submission, you will receive a confirmation email within five (5) days. The email will confirm that your poem has been received successfully. Therefore, it is advisable that participants submit their entry at least five (5) days before the deadline. If you have not received an email within five (5) days of submission, please contact us on email pacificresiliencepartnership@gmail.com to ensure your entry has been received and included in the competition
 4. Recommended video formats are .MP4 and .MOV.

D. Judging:

- The criteria will be based on messaging and content, creativity, originality, visual presentation (video), relevance and delivery.
- Poems will be judged on delivery, therefore, in addition to the written submission, a video of the poet reciting their poem must be submitted for consideration.
- The judges of the competition will include members of the DRFWG and PIFS.
- Winning Entries will be notified by telephone or email after completion of the judging. The top three (3) entries of each category will be awarded a prize.
- In all matters, the decision of the judges is final, and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into.

E. Prizes:

Category 1: 13-18 years old	Category 2 -19-35 years old
1st- FJD 800	1 st - FJD 1000
2nd – FJD 500	2 nd – FJD 800
3rd – FJD 300	3 rd – FJD 500

F. Deadline:

All entries to be received **before midnight Friday 29th July 2022 (Fiji standard time)**.

An online entry form like this will be on PRP website.

Please fill in the form below together with the link for the Poem and the Video. Once the files have been downloaded/ received an email confirmation will be sent to the email provided within the 5 days of submission.

Please contact pacificresiliencepartnership@gmail.com should you fail to receive any confirmation within the 5 days as mentioned.

Name *

First

Last

Age *

Country *

Email *

example@gmail.com

Phone Contact *

Please provide your phone contact with country and area code.

Download Link *

Please enter the correct download link for the poem and the video.

Is this a group work? *

- Yes
 No

Names & Age of Team Members

Please fill this is if you answered yes to group work above.

By participating in this short video competition, each entrant represents and warrants that s/he has read and agrees to be bound by the competition's official rules. Each entrant further understands that when s/he submitted his/her short video, s/he will relinquish all claims, rights (including any moral rights), and benefits related to the display, modification, reproduction, publication, distribution, use, and other exploitations of the work, other than the prize awarded to the winning entries. This form must accompany all contest submissions. *

- Yes, I Agree.

Submit

Consent Form

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Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Form

Full name of parent or legal guardian: _____

I am the parent and/or legal Guardian of:

Child's full name (Participant): _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ Age: _____

Competition Entered: _____

Parent and/or Legal Guardian Contact Information

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

By checking this box, the Participant has my consent and permission to items below:

- 1) Enter and participate in this competition and in any Award Ceremony.
- 2) I acknowledge that I have read and understood the attached Entry rules. The participant and I will comply with these Competition Rules.
- 3) I allow the Participant's name, age, country, and entry to be displayed on the PIFS and PRP Website, exhibitions, meetings or for promotional use, in line with the copyright conditions in accordance with the rules of the competition.
- 4) I allow for the Participant's photos to be taken during any award ceremony and related events to be used for Competition purposes (e.g., purposes relating to promotion, reports that are submitted to partner organizations, media press releases and more), and use for any promotion/publication.

Signature of parent/ legal guardian

Date signed