



DStv Eutelsat Star Awards competition 8th Edition

How can plagiarism affect my entry?

Plagiarism is when you take someone else's writing or ideas without acknowledging it. In the past many great entries have been disqualified because they contain portions of text which was copied directly from the internet or another source. Also remember to provide references for any pictures and/or diagrams that you have not developed yourself. All finalist entries will be subjected to stringent plagiarism checks to ensure that all content is original or quoted and attributed to the author where appropriate. Any entries failing this test will be disqualified from the awards.

What will the judges be looking for in a good entry?

The judges consider the entries against the scoring criteria below. In this process, entries that are more creatively written as opposed to an academic paper style of writing will impress them more. You need to apply your imagination and creativity to the topic on simply provide an overview of what satellites are and how the technology is applied. You have to ensure that your entry does not exceed the specified word count of 1400 words and stick to all the other criteria specified below.

Our schools will be closed during this period what can we do? Does this mean schools which are closed cannot enter?

This competition is not a schools competition but a competition targeted at individual learners. Learners are encouraged to enter whether the schools are open or not. This might very well be a suitable time for them to enter as this will not interfere with their school work.

How do I enter this competition?

Entry forms and the resource booklet will be available at MultiChoice Africa Offices or from the competition website (www.dstvstarawards.com). South African entrants can also collect a copy from MultiChoice Africa, Corporate Affairs, 251 Oak Avenue, Randburg, Johannesburg.

You are required to select one way of entry either writing an essay or design a poster on the topic.

Can I submit more than one entry?

No, you are not allowed to submit more than one entry – this will lead to you being disqualified.

How do I submit my entry? Can I email my entry through?

No entries submitted by email will be accepted. Only complete entries submitted by post or deposited in an entry box at the MultiChoice country or regional offices specified on the entry form, or in the case of South Africa the **MultiChoice Africa, Corporate Affairs, 251 Oak Avenue, Randburg, Johannesburg, Attention: Lebogang Ramothata**

Who do I contact if I have a question?

Question or queries can be emailed to StarAwards@ds.naspers.com or phone your nearest MultiChoice Office. For South African entries phone Mahlatse Sithole on +27 11 781 9950.

Will I receive confirmation that my entry has been received?

No, communication between MultiChoice and the entrants will be engaged in except during to announcement winners.

Will I get feed-back on my entry?

The decision of our Panel of Judges will be final and is not subject to an appeal with regard to the selection of winning essays and posters as well as the selection of essays and posters meeting the minimum qualification criteria. Given the number of entries feedback on individual entries will not be possible.

Can I submit my entry in my mother tongue or any other language than English?

Entries can only be submitted in any of the 3 languages which are English, French and Portuguese.

Will the competition material be available in other languages?

Entry forms and booklets as well as the Magic Circle films on the website are available in English, Portuguese and French.

Are there any restrictions on who may enter?

The learners need to be registered in a secondary, combined or high school and be between the ages of 14 and 19 years.

What is the topic we are supposed to write the essay on or design the poster?

Currently, satellites are being used in a variety of ways but there is always room for expansion and growth. Write an essay or design a poster on areas you believe the full potential of satellites has not yet been explored or embraced.

What will the judging criteria be for the competition?

Criteria for Essay:

- Language: English, French or Portuguese
- Length: 1200 – 1400 words
- Must be typed in Arial 12, 1.5 spacing and pages to be numbered or it must be handwritten, but clearly legible
- Pages must be numbered
- Only hardcopy entries will be accepted.
- Entries may include illustrations, graphics, or diagrams
- References (all sources consulted during the preparation of the entry)

Criteria for Poster:

- Design a creative poster by illustrating an idea on the competition topic. The poster must be accompanied by a creative explanation/summary in the following format:
 - Title
 - Summary idea/concept

- Explanation of idea
- References (all sources consulted during the preparation of the entry)
- Language: English, French or Portuguese
- Entries must be between A3 Size (420 X 297 mm) and A1 Size (594 X 841 cm)
- Only hardcopy entries will be accepted. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

Scoring Criteria

Essay:

- Accuracy of information/knowledge of subject (30)
 - Structure of essay (20)
 - Language (15)
 - Creativity (15)
 - Innovativeness (10)
 - Bibliography/Referencing (10)
- 100**

Poster:

- Accuracy of information/knowledge of subject (30)
 - Layout of poster (20)
 - Graphic or illustrative style (20)
 - Creativity (25)
 - Bibliography/Referencing (5)
- 100**

What are the prizes in the countries and the overall awards?

For more information on prizes for country awards please contact the MultiChoice Office for detailed information. Country winners will include the Best Essay and Best Poster, Runner up Essay and Runner up Poster awards. The overall winning entries will receive prizes as follows:

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| Overall Essay Award | A trip for the winning student and their parent/legal guardian to Eutelsat in France and attendance of a rocket launch. |
| Overall Poster Award | A trip for the winning student and their parent/legal to the MultiChoice offices and the South African Space Agency at Hartbeesthoek |
| Overall Essay School Award | A DStv installation, including a dish, TV, decoder and free access to the DStv Education Bouquet |
| Overall Poster School Award | A DStv installation, including a dish, TV, decoder and free access to the DStv Education Bouquet |

What about the copyright of my poster/essay?

All the submitted essays and posters will be the property of the organisers. The organisers reserve the right to modify the format and content of any submitted essay or poster before publication. Also note that the organisers have the sole right to publish the submissions in any media.

What is the closing date for entries?

On or before 26 October 2018

When will the winners be announced?

Country winners will be notified as soon as the adjudication processes in countries are completed. Overall winners will be notified by the end of February 2019.

Who will compete for the final overall awards?

Country winners (best essay and best poster) will all compete for the final overall prizes.

Can I exchange my prize for cash?

No - prizes cannot be exchanged for cash or anything else