

Competition terms:

The competition will be held in 2 rounds.

The best students, selected by the jury from the participants in the first round, will advance to the second (final) round.

The participants in both the first and final rounds will be given 10 titles, of which they must select only one and write an independent essay about. The titles could be related to literature, religion, history, philosophy, art.

Time allotted for writing essays: 4 astronomical hours.

The size of the essay in the first round will be limited to 4 printed pages (font size - 12, line spacing - 1, 5).

The entries by the contestants will be evaluated by a competent jury, which will include well-known teachers, writers, publicists, art historians, philosophers and historians.

Basic criteria for independent essay evaluation:

- Relevance to the topic title;
- Innovation/creative approach;
- High level of general education;
- Original and complex thinking (involving the development of thought throughout the “humanitarian field”);
- Good writing culture; understanding the phrase;
- Distinctive ability to analyze, evaluate and justify;
- Ability to have versatile vision and interpretation.

Prizes and awards:

Based on the results the competition, 10 winners will be revealed, of which the following will be determined:

- Three “best” (I, II and III places);
- Three “distinguished” (IV - VI places);
- Four “honors” (VII - X places).

The three authors of the “best” story will be awarded with cash prizes:

- First place: 1000 GEL;
- Second place: 600 GEL;
- Third place: 300 GEL.

Also, Georgian language and literature teachers of all three winners will be awarded cash prizes:

- First place: 600 GEL;
- Second place: 400 GEL;
- Third place: 200 GEL.

Outstanding and successful contestants will be awarded with commemorative gifts, and special diplomas will be awarded to the schools of the 10 winners of the competition.

All contestants, participating in the final round of the competition, will receive a special certificate.

Competition deadlines:

- Announcing the competition: **April 10, 2022;**
- Acceptance/registration of applications from schools: **no later than May 2, 2022;**
- The first round of the competition: **May 14, 2022 at 12:00** p.m. (registration will start at 11:00);
- Final round of the competition: **May 28, 2022 at 12:00** p.m. (registration will start at 11:00).

Competition venue:

Both rounds (first and final) of the competition will be held on the campus of Georgian National University SEU, at the following address: 9 Tsinandali St, Tbilisi, (near Subway Station 300 Aragveli)

Award Ceremony:

The award ceremony will be held on the campus of Georgian National University SEU **on June 4, 2022 at 14:00.**

Contestant registration link:

<https://bit.ly/3qVFRP1>

The collection of the best essays of the competition will be published in September 2022.