



## WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION INFORMATION AND SOCIETY DAY –



### RULES/JUDGING CRITERIA

#### RULES

- 1) Students may send in one (1) completed Essay (not exceeding 600 words) on the topic “: ***Connecting People with Disabilities: ICT Opportunities for All*** via any of the following:
  - EMAIL
  - FAX
  - STANDARD MAIL
- 2) The World Telecommunication Information and Society Day Essay Competition is open to citizen or resident of any member country of CANTO who, as of January 1, 2008, is enrolled as a student at the time of entry, and is between the ages of 15-17. **All other entries will be disqualified.**
- 3) CANTO and employees and direct relatives are ineligible.
- 4) Each student may enter only one (1) essay.
- 5) The essay must use the title: ***“Connecting People with Disabilities: ICT Opportunities for All”***
- 6) The essay must be typed or computer-printed, double-spaced, and in English. **Handwritten essays or essays presented in any other way will be disqualified.**
- 7) Each essay entry must include:
  - a. Name/ Address /Age of student
  - b. Name of Parent/ Guardian
  - c. Contact information (Address , email and Telephone number ( including area code)
- 8) Deadline for receipt of entries is April 25<sup>th</sup> 2008
- 9) Essays must be original - CANTO reserve the right to disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate for publication, at their discretion.

### Submission Information

Completed essays must be addressed: **WTISD- Essay competition** and delivered either via Fax, Email, or Mail to:

**Tricia Balthazar, Service Development Manager - Email: [tbalthazar@canto.org](mailto:tbalthazar@canto.org)  
Mailing Address: 67 Picton St, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago  
Phone + 1(868)622 5582/3770/4781. Fax+1 (868) 622 3751 website: [www.canto.org](http://www.canto.org)**

- 10) All essays and rights to the publication of the essay becomes the property of CANTO. Entry (Essay) may be edited, used in whole or in part for promotional or any other purpose, including placing them online (e.g., on [www.canto.org](http://www.canto.org) without any additional compensation. CANTO reserves the right to use prizewinners' names and hometowns in any advertising or promotional materials relating to this competition without further notification, permission, or compensation to the winners.
- 11) Winners will be selected before May 17<sup>th</sup> 2008, and will be notified via email/phone. Winners entry will also be posted online at [www.canto.org](http://www.canto.org)
- 12) All winners will be required to submit a self portrait following notification
- 13) 1st Prize winner will be required to write a follow up essay after the CANTO 2008 experience
- 14) By submitting an essay, each student acknowledges his or her understanding of and compliance with these rules.

### Prizes

Prizes are nontransferable and will be awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Trip for two (2) plus hotel to The Bahamas and US \$1,000 to attend CANTO's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition from the 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> July 2008
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Top of the line mobile phone and US\$500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Top of the line mobile phone and \$US250

### Judging Criteria

Essays will be judged by screening groups consisting of a judging panel. The decisions of the judges will be final. Essays will be judged over a score of (100) points on the following criteria:

1. **Creativity /Originality:** Entries must be the students' own work, in the student's own words, and may include personal experiences and thoughtful observations. Writing must reflect that the student has carefully examined and thought through the topic. **(20 pts)**
2. **Educational/Technical Value:** The essay must provide educational value to judges/audience **(30pts)**
3. **Organization/Clarity:** The material is presented in an orderly and logical sequence and must reveal the students thinking, with an organized presentation and development of theme. **(25pts)**
4. **Mechanics:** The essay should contain correct punctuation, spelling, and grammar **(25pts)**