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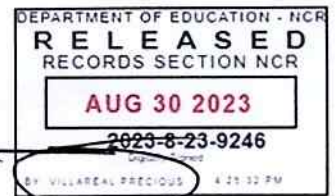
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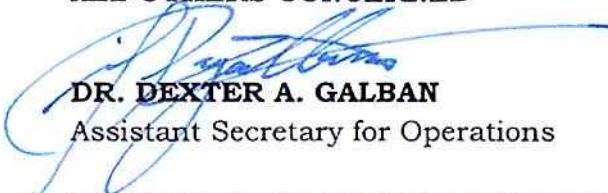


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**   
DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN  
Assistant Secretary for Operations

**SUBJECT :** ENDORSEMENT OF PBED #FYP2023 ESSAY  
WRITING CONTEST

**DATE :** 22 AUGUST 2023

This is reference to the email of the Philippine Business for Education (PBE<sub>d</sub>), dated 17 August 2023, addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations regarding their request for endorsement of their ongoing **Essay Writing Contest** called, **#FYP2023 (ForYouPilipinas2023)** which is **open for all Senior High School students**.

With the theme “Salaysay ng Kabataan sa Kasaysayan: The Youth's Power to Reclaim Philippine History”, #FYP2023 aims to:

- Promote history and language heritage in the country, especially during these times when historical distortion and disinformation is rampant; and
- Encourage students to look back, assess, and understand the importance of history to their lives and their communities, instilling values of social justice, awareness, and critical thinking.

In line with this, we would like to respectfully endorse to your good office the said contest for your information and proper dissemination. Kindly note that **all entries must be submitted on or before 24 August 2023**. Further, **participation in this contest is free of charge, voluntary, and non-mandatory**.

For further details, kindly see the attached documents for your reference.



# #FYP2023

## FOR YOU PILIPINAS!

### Essay Writing Contest

#### GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

#FYP2023 (For You Pilipinas 2023) is the third installment of Sibika.ph annual essay-writing contest for students. This event will have the theme of *"Salaysay ng Kabataan sa Kasaysayan: The Youth's Power to Reclaim Philippine History"* in line with the celebration of History Month and Buwan ng Wika in August.

With #FYP2023, Sibika aims to promote history and language heritage in the country, especially during these times when historical distortion and disinformation is rampant. This will encourage students to look back, assess, and understand the importance of history to their lives and their communities, instilling values of social justice, awareness, and critical thinking.

The Essay Writing Contest is open to all incoming and current **Senior High School students (Grades 11 and 12)**, including those that have recently graduated this year and are **incoming college students, and out-of-school youth** who moved up from Grade 10.

1. Only **one** entry is allowed for each participant.
2. Each participant must submit an essay that answers the question:

#### English

*As a young Filipino, how can you promote historical and cultural awareness, while combating historical distortion and disinformation?*

#### Filipino

*Bilang isang batang Pilipino, paano mo maisusulong ang kamalayan sa kasaysayan at kultura habang isinasawata ang historical distortion at disinformation?*

3. The submitted output should meet the following criteria to be qualified as winners:
  - a. Content & Relevance (40%)
  - b. Organization (30%)
  - c. Creativity (30%)
4. Registration and Submission:
  - a. Share this post: [bit.ly/FYP2023-Post](https://bit.ly/FYP2023-Post)



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- b. Like and follow Sibika.ph Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/sibika.ph>)
  - c. Participants may submit their entries through Google Forms through this link: <https://forms.gle/TdAQTbZePEBkDHbEA>
  - d. The data collected will only be for documentation purposes. Upon the end of the competition, only the contact details of the winners will be saved in our database.
  - e. The contest duration is from July 31 to August 26, 2023. Essays submitted outside of this time period will not be accommodated.
  - f. The **deadline for submission** of entries is on **August 26, 2023**.
5. Format:
- a. The **word count** for the essay should not go beyond **500 words**. The participant is free to use either Filipino or English in writing.
  - b. The entry must have an **original/creative title** included in its content. Please note that the title is not included in the 500 word count.
  - c. The output may be handwritten (if handwritten, the participant should take a readable photo of their work) or typewritten.
6. The PBEd team will shortlist the best 10 works and **three (3) winners** will be chosen by a panel of judges composed of writers. The prizes granted to the winners will be **₱5,000** for first place, **₱3,000** for second place, and **₱2,000** for third place.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

### Kwalipikasyon para makasali

1. Ako ay incoming Senior High School (SHS) student ngayong school year. Maaari ba akong sumali?  
Oo, bukas ang FYP 2023 sa lahat ng incoming at kasalukuyang SHS, incoming first year college students, at out-of-school youth na nakatapos ng grade 10.
2. Ako ay kasalukuyang first year college student, maaari ba akong sumali?  
Hindi, ang mga SHS graduates at INCOMING first year college students ngayong pasukan lang ang maaaring sumali.
3. Magbibigay ba ng certificate of participation?  
Oo, lahat ng participants na nag-register gamit ang registration form: [bit.ly/FYP2023-Reg](https://bit.ly/FYP2023-Reg) at nagpasa ng entry ay papadalhan ng e-certificates sa email.

### Format and Content

1. Ano ang tema ng contest?  
Alinsunod sa pagdiriwang ng National History Month, ang tema ng #FYP2023 ay "Salaysay ng Kabataan sa Kasaysayan: The Youth's Power to Reclaim Philippine History."
2. Ano ang file format na kailangan sa pag-submit sa Google Forms?  
Ang essay ay maaaring i-type sa mismong form o kaya i-submit in PDF, Word (.doc), o PNG format. Siguraduhing accessible ito. Maaaring mag-message kami 'pag hindi namin ito ma-access.
3. May specific bang format sa text tulad ng font size, typeface, margin, etc?  
Wala, feel free na gumamit ng sariling format. Siguraduhin lamang na ito ay readable, accessible at ayon sa criteria.



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4. Ano ang required na word count?  
Kailangan ang essay ay hindi lalampas sa 500 words.
5. Puwede ba akong maglagay ng litrato sa aking essay?  
Maaari kang maglagay ng litrato ngunit ang judges at screening team ay mag-fo-focus lamang sa iyong written essay.
6. Magkaiba ba ang category ng English at Filipino essays?  
Hindi, iisa lamang ang category at criteria na gagamitin sa lahat ng essay.
7. Kailangan ba ng title para sa aking essay?  
Oo, kailangang maglagay ng sarili mong title sa iyong essay. Huwag gamitin ang tema at writing prompts ng contest bilang title upang hindi mabawasan ang iyong puntos.
8. Kasama ba ang title at references sa word count?  
Hindi, tanging ang body lamang ng essay ang isasama sa maximum of 500 word count requirement.
9. Sa anong wika ko maaaring isulat ang aking essay?  
Puwede mo itong isulat sa English o Filipino.

### Registration and Submission

1. Kailangan ko bang i-follow ang FACEBOOK page ng Sibika.ph?  
Oo, kailangang naka-like at follow sa Sibika.ph Facebook page upang ma-consider ang entry. Kung walang Facebook, maaaring i-follow ang aming ibang social platforms (Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, YouTube).
2. Kailangan ba ng ID upang ma-check kung pasok ako sa criteria?  
Hindi, sagutin lamang ang mga tanong na nasa registration form upang malaman namin ang iyong eligibility sa pagsali.



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3. Paano ang submission ng essay?  
Maaaring i-submit at i-upload ang iyong entry gamit ang registration form:  
[bit.ly/FYP2023-Reg](https://bit.ly/FYP2023-Reg) (naka-link ito sa caption) o kaya ay i-send sa aming messenger:  
[fb.com/sibika.ph](https://fb.com/sibika.ph)
4. Kailangan ko bang mag-register muna bago mag-submit ng essay?  
Oo. Ang registration form ay ang magsisilbing submission form mo. Dito rin makikita kung saan maaaring i-upload ang mga essay.
5. May registration fee ba ang pagsali sa FYP2023?  
Wala, FREE ang pagsali sa contest na ito.
6. Maaari ba akong mag mag-submit ng mahigit sa isang entry?  
Hindi, isang entry lamang ang maaaring i-submit ng bawat participant.

#### Competition period

1. Kailan ang submission deadline?  
Ang deadline ng submission ay sa August 26, 2023 (11:59 PM).

#### Announcement of winners

1. Paano pipiliin ang mga mananalo?  
Ang Sibika.ph team ay mag-so-shortlist ng Top 10 essays base sa sumusunod na criteria:  
Content & Relevance (40%); Organization (30%); at Creativity (30%).

Ang Top 10 entries ay ipapadala sa isang panel of judges na binubuo ng mga manunulat na siyang pipili ng Top 3 winners gamit ang scoresheets na nakabase mula sa nabanggit na criteria.

Makatatanggap ang Top 3 winners ng cash prize (P5,000 para sa 1st Place; P3,000 para sa 2nd Place; at P2,000 naman para sa 3rd Place), certificate, at oportunidad na ma-publish ang essay sa Sibika.ph social platforms.





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2. Paano malalaman kung sino ang mga nanalo?  
I-po-post sa aming social media sites ngayong August ang Top 10 kaya make sure na naka-follow ka para updated ka sa mga announcements.
3. Paano ipapadala ang premyo at certificates?  
Makikipag-ugnayan ang Sibika.ph team sa mga mananalo via email o text upang ipadala ang premyo at certificates kaya mahalaga na active ang mga contact details na ilalagay sa Registration Form.