

**EARTH DAY 2024 COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

***POETRY CATEGORY***

(12-14 Years only)

Section I: Participant

**1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**4. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**5. Social Media Handles: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **(yyyy- mm- dd)**

**7. Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**8. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**9. Gender:**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Section II: School

**10. Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**11. Principal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**12. Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 

**13. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Section III: Parent/Guardian

**14. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**15. Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Section IV: The Photograph

**16. Description of Poem: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**The ENTRY DEADLINE of the Competition is Friday, March 15, 2024**

For further information call [876-922-0626](https://nhmj-ioj.org.jm/earth-day-2023-competition/), extension 352 or 247

The **Institute of Jamaica’s Earth Day 2023 Competition** is an island-wide competition open to all children and youth aged 12 - 19 years from schools, churches, communities, and youth groups. This completed entry form must be included in the submission for each entry and should legibly state all the information requested. Participation in this competitionconstitutes your full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules and the decisions of the Judging Panel, which are final and binding. Eligibility is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements:

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**AGREEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULES**

1. Each person can submit up to five (5) entries and may also enter more than one category of the competition. Schools are limited to having no more than ten (10) entries from each school. Entries should depict images related to the theme: "*Plastic Madness*”

2. Entries for each category are individual and not by group.

**3. School entries:** All entries submitted must be done by a registered student of a school with each entry verified and authorized by the Principal, Vice Principal, or a Senior Teacher. 

4. **Community, Church, and Youth Group entries:** Where entries are submitted by a member of an organization or group, each entry should be verified and authorized by the Chairperson, President, Pastor, or Justice of the Peace.

5. All entries **MUST** be accompanied by a visual documentation of the preparation process of each student’s work in addition to a declaration in writing from the Principal of the School or Chairperson of the Church Board or President of a Youth Group or Justice of the Peace that the works submitted are the original work of the entrant.

6. Each literary piece must be given a suitable title and should address the theme in a holistic manner and from a global perspective while integrating relevant local content.

7. Entrants should **NOT** use articles owned by other persons or in which a third party has intellectual property rights. If this is done, this entry will be disqualified.

8. Entrants should **NOT** publish their entries on social media until after the Competition Awards Ceremony.

9. Each entry must be accompanied by a headshot photograph of the entrant and facilitator and emailed to the Education Department (**earthdaysubmissions@gmail.com**).

10. Entries must not, in the discretion of the **Institute of Jamaica** and the Judging Panel, be obscene, offensive, violent, indecent, or libelous; contravene or reference any act or acts unlawful under Jamaican law; or contain content otherwise inconsistent with the purpose and ethos of the Earth Day Competition.

11. Relatives of the **Institute of Jamaica** employees are not eligible to enter.

12. The **Institute of Jamaica** reserves the right to restrict participation by any person at any time for any reason and/ or to disqualify any entry at any time for any reason.

13. Digital copies of the entries will be the preferred mode for submissions. A soft copy (WORD format) of the script/ text of the piece should be emailed to: earthdaysubmissions@gmail.com. Additionally, for the purposes of judging adequately an audio recording of the entry must also be sent in.

14. The work must be retained by the **Institute of Jamaica** for the duration of the competition period.

15***.*** Poems should not exceed 60 lines. The line count should be indicated on the last page of the entry and sources of information should be properly referenced.

16. Institutions are advised that they submit the correct spelling of the name(s) of the entrant(s) in a legible manner as this will be adhered to and used in the awarding of prizes.

17. COPYRIGHT: Copyright for all poems submitted for this competition remains with the respective entrants. However, in consideration of their providing the Competition, each entrant grants a worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual authorization to the **Institute of Jamaica** to feature any or all of the submitted images in any of its publications, websites, programmes and/ or in any promotional material connected to this competition without payment to or permission from the author.

**I agree to the terms and conditions:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**