



Calling Young Writers  
to Participate in a

# Poetry Competition

## My Responsibility

Great Prizes to be Won!



To commemorate 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence this year, 25 November to 10 December 2019, the Daughters Destined for Purpose (DD4P) is launching the 4th edition of the poetry competition. We are calling all writers, teenage girls and boys aged 13 to 19 years to submit poems on the theme of "My Responsibility". We have two categories, one for 13-15 year olds and another one for 16 -19 year olds.

Entry is completely FREE and winners stand to win a fantastic range of prizes – from a tablet, a smart phone and a watch for the 3 top winners to stationery and books for the three runner ups in each category. The 12 winners (3 top winners and 3 runner ups per category) will be selected by a team of high profile judges.

The Daughters Destined for Purpose (DD4P) is a UK registered charity that contributes to raising a generation of confident and empowered young women, who can fulfil their God-given destinies and reach out to touch the lives of other women. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign provides an excellent forum for one of the DD4P objectives to be realized, namely to raise awareness and break the silence on violence against girls and women, including childhood sexual abuse, its impact and how to deal with its scars.

### Poetry Competition Rules:

- **General**
- You must be aged 13 to 19 years on the closing date of (inclusive) 20 September 2019 in order to enter. The competition closes by 23:59 (Zimbabwean Time) on 20 September 2019.
- Individuals may enter only two poems. You are strongly advised to draft and redraft the poems you want to enter. Remember, quality is more important than quantity.
- Your poem should not exceed two A4 pages/sides, whether typeset or handwritten.
- The competition is free to enter and must be on the stipulated theme.
- Your work is accepted on the basis that this will be its first publication anywhere in the world.
- Each poem must be the original work of the author (we do run checks for plagiarism on all selected poems), and must not have been previously published (in print, including anthologies, magazines and solo collections; online on any website, including blogs, online magazines or on social media such as Twitter, Facebook or Instagram; broadcast on any regional, national or online TV station or via any radio platform) or have won any other competition.
- Winners from previous competitions, who came first in both the 13-15 year and 16-19 categories cannot submit poems for the following two years.
- Poems must be in English.
- Entries will only be accepted from Zimbabwe.
- Competition entries are the property of DD4P and cannot be returned under any circumstances. You are advised to keep a copy of your poem for your own use.
- Handwritten poems must be in clear, neat, legible writing. We cannot mark your poem if it cannot be easily read.
- Entries must be submitted by 20 September 2019; they may be dropped off at the National Institute of Allied Arts office, Flat A5 Northern Heights, Corner Josiah Tongogara/Harare Street (Attention: B. Abrahams); or schools must consolidate and package for pick up by a DD4P representative; or sent in by e-mail (as attachments or written in the body of email) to [Poetry-DD4P@outlook.com](mailto:Poetry-DD4P@outlook.com)
- By entering this competition, entrants agree that their poems and data may be used anonymously for research purposes.
- The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning this decision.

### KEY DATES

Submission deadline  
20 September 2019

Announcement of winners  
04 November 2019

Award ceremony  
23 November 2019