

INTRODUCTION

In a bid to entrench the values of patriotism, love for humanity, selflessness, tolerance and honesty in the lives of young Nigians as well as to expose them to the life and legacy of Mandela, South African Airways in conjunction with Travel & Business News hereby announces the 4th edition of the South African Airways Essay Competition (SAAEC 2026) for Secondary Schools. This is part of the South African Airways Give Back Initiative (SAAGBI) aimed at giving back to society in the spirit of the legend of Africa and in commemoration of his life.

TOPIC OF ESSAY

THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ SAAEC 2026 is open to Secondary School Students of all ages.
- ▶ Entries open Monday October 12, 2026 and closes on Friday November 13, 2026.
- ▶ Entries are free.
- ▶ Participants must complete an Entry Form shown overleaf.
- ▶ Photocopies are allowed.
- ▶ Completed entry forms are to be submitted together with Entry Forms below.
- ▶ Entries* must be in the handwriting of the participant and should not be more than 1,000 words long.
- ▶ Entries must be endorsed by School Principals and Parents/Guardians of the Participant.

AWARD PRESENTATION

- ▶ Shortlisted participants will be invited to an Award Reception where prizes will be presented.

PRIZES TO BE WON

▶ **1st Prize**
N200,000

▶ **2nd Prize**
N150,000

▶ **3rd Prize**
N100,000

**With other
consolation prizes.**

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

All entries are to be sent to:

- ▶ **The Competition Coordinator**
South African Airways Essay Competition
Travel & Business News
LAAC Centre, ATSSSAN Secretariat
Murtala Muhammad Airport
P.O.Box 19640, Ikeja, Lagos

or

- ▶ **South African Airways**
ALML House
By Cambridge College,
63, Adekunle Fajuyi Way
GRA, Ikeja, Lagos.

* Please note that the decision of the Panel of Assessors is final. Written works shall also remain the property of South African Airways and may be published.

FOR ENQUIRIES:

- ▶ **The Competition Coordinator**
Tel: 08098266397, 08038474206
Email: travelandbusinessnews@gmail.com



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4th South African Airways Essay Competition (SAAEC 2026)

ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM

SURNAME: _____

OTHER NAMES: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CLASS IN SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE