



ESSAY COMPETITION  
FOR  
WOMEN AND GIRLS EDUCATION  
SCHOLARSHIP (WAGES) PROJECT

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## About the competition

CDS (Community Development and Sustainability Organization) Kenya is organizing an essay competition with the help of UN online volunteers in relation to the WAGES Project which aimed to provide scholarships for 60 women. The competition is part of our fundraising program for the project and each participant is equally extending their support for the cause by registering with us. You can learn more about the work of the organization through <https://www.cdskenya.org/index.html> .

## How to enter

Essays must distinctly encompass the themes described below:

We are calling for essays that will reflect on gender inequality of the Kenyan population with regard to education and how cultural practices influenced this inequality. The motivation of the respective essays should be driven by a collective stance on the generic idea of the issues faced by Kenyan population, problems of education inequality within the gender and

its customs. However, we will not condone any writing which entails condescending remark to the indigenous culture of the community and such submissions will be rejected instantly. We would like to honour the essay which strictly adheres to the theme; the heterogeneous lives led by the people, the ebb and flow of the modern educational development in the region highlighting gender inequality, social norms and customs which hypothetically or practically bolster or expunge the gender equality and its impact along with suggestive solutions.

Please research the related information online or any other reliable sources to formulate your writing before submission.

### Rules and regulations:

- i. Registration fee for the contest is 5\$.
- ii. Essay must be entirely the work of the writer, we will not accept entry with multiple authorship.
- iii. All work submitted must be related to the Kenyan population and the issue of its gender inequality with respect to education.
- iv. All work submitted must not be published elsewhere either in printed or digital publications

with the exception of personal blogs or any individual social media platform.

- v. Title and body must be in Times New Roman and size of the body should be 16 pt. with double spacing.
- vi. Entries should be entirely anonymous; it should not be highlighted anywhere within the essay or in the file name of the work doc/docx/pdf. Personal information (Name, age, address, email, and phone number) should be attached to the body of the email.
- vii. The entries will be strictly scrutinized to check the authenticity of the work.
- viii. Simultaneous submissions cannot be accepted.
- ix. All work must be submitted via the official e-mail of CDS Kenya.
- x. The organizers reserve the right to showcase a selection of entries (not just the winning entry) on our official website <https://www.cdskenya.org/index.html> . These entries would be presented as a showcase for the WAGES project.
- xi. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any entry if it has reasonable ground to believe that the entrants breached the above rules.

### Eligibility:

- i. Participants must be 16 years or above.
- ii. Maximum word limit is 1500 excluding the title.
- iii. Essays must be submitted as doc/docx /pdf files, up to 2MB. No other file types will be accepted.
- iv. All entries must be written in English.
- v. Translations are not eligible.