

MEDT Pontifications and Poetry 2025

The Ministry of Educational Transformation (MEDT), in collaboration with Starcom Network Inc., presents its annual oratorical competition **Pontifications & Poetry 2025**, under the patronage of the Honourable Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley.

The competition, which is open to all public and private, primary and secondary schools, seeks to:

- Cultivate Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills
- Enhance Creative Expression and Literary Appreciation
- Promote Civic Engagement and Leadership
- Develop Collaboration and Teamwork Skills

Meaningful student participation is also central to the execution of the final event in November, providing invaluable hands-on experience and fostering leadership skills through **Events Management (Co-MC, Usher, Stage Assistant, Media Team etc)**. Participants are, therefore, required to register for **ONE** area of interest: oratorical competition (speech or poetry) or events management.

Theme

- Speak Up! Speak Out!

Preliminaries

- Video upload to MEDT

Finals

- **Date:** Saturday, **November 1**, 2025
- **Location:** Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre (LESC)
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m.

The Competition Outline

The **speech & poetry contests** will feature both Primary School students (Age 9 – 11 years) and Secondary School students (Age 11 – 18 years) where prizes will be awarded to the **1st, 2nd & 3rd place** in each age category.

MANDATORY WORKSHOP

All registered participants are required to attend **a mandatory training session** on **Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMELINES

Registration Opens: Friday, September 5, 2024

Official Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/fYcUS1yYs7qEP4jx7>



Registration Closes: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 11:59

Video Upload after Workshop: On or before Sunday, **September 28**, 2025 at 11. 59 p.m.

Duration Video: 2 minutes

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