**Independence 70 – Discover Sri Lanka**

**The objective of this program is to create awareness of Sri Lanka, its history, places of interest, culture, and what it has to offer. All entries will be posted on our website, and the winners will be recognized at the cultural show on February 3rd at Clark County Library Auditorium. The application deadline is January 20th 2018.**

**Essay Competition**

Competition Chair: Gamini Samarawikkrama for questions 702 797-0793 [jjsw510@gmail.com](mailto:jjsw510@gmail.com)

Level 1: Elementary School

Topic: Sri Lanka

Medium: English

Format: handwritten or typed

Guidelines: at least 100 word essay

Deadline: January 20th 2018

Level 2: Middle/ High School

Topics:

1. Agriculture in Sri Lanka
2. Sri Lanka under colonial rule
3. Sri Lanka and Religions
4. History of Sri Lanka
5. Tea Industry of Sri Lanka
6. Main exports of Sri Lanka

Medium: English, Sinhala, or Tamil

Format: handwritten or typed

Guidelines: pick one of the above topics to write an essay not less than 250 words. You may find facts from various sources including the internet. However, your essay should be creatively written in your own terms. Please cite your sources.

Deadline: January 20th 2018

**Art Competition**

Competition Chair: Gamini Samarawikkrama 702 797-0793 [jjsw510@gmail.com](mailto:jjsw510@gmail.com)

Level 1: Elementary School

Topic: Historical Places in Sri Lanka

Medium: please use 9” X 12” paper or canvas. You could use any type of color.

Level 2: Middle/ High School

Topics:

1. Agriculture in Sri Lanka
2. Sri Lanka under colonial rule
3. Sri Lanka and Religions
4. History of Sri Lanka
5. Tea Industry of Sri Lanka

Medium: please use 9” X 12” paper or canvas. You could use any type of color.

Deadline: January 20th 2018

**Digital Media Competition**

Competition Chair: Gowry Rathnayake 702 882 2540 [gowry.rathnayake@gmail.com](mailto:gowry.rathnayake@gmail.com)

Level 1: open contest, no age limit.

Topic: Sri Lanka

Medium: English

Guidelines: this should be a documentary video about Sri Lanka. Should not exceed 5 minutes.

Deadline: January 20th 2018

**Note:** all the entries will be posted on SLAALV website, and could be used/ referenced in future programs of the association. Please submit your entries along with the application form below. The competition will be judged by a panel competent on the topic. The decisions of the panel is final.

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**Application Form**

Date :

Participant Name :

Grade (Age) :

Address :

Phone :

Competition: Essay/ Art/ Digital Media (circle one)

Level: Level 1/ Level 2/ Open

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Name Signature

(Parent or legal guardian if a the participant is a minor)