



Terms and Conditions

This competition is organised and managed by TVOTRIBE. By entering the competition, you agree to these terms and conditions.

Theme

Under the theme ‘**Ukabuilu**’ the participants can share their views, stories, experiences and opinions either as poetry, prose or visual artworks.

Eligibility

This competition aims to bring together African Creatives on the theme **Ukabuilu**. Any creative of African Citizenship (Individuals who identify as African, are native to Africa, descendants of natives of Africa, or individuals who trace their ancestry to indigenous inhabitants of Africa) is allowed to register. However, we particularly indulge entrants between the ages of 15 to 36 to submit an entry to the competition.

TVOTRIBE celebrates diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of religion, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, marital status, profession or other persuasion in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to: selection of participants in our programmes and selection of winners in our competitions.

Entry Format

- Entries to the competition must be submitted using the official entry form found [here](#)
- There is no registration fee or purchase required for participation.
- Only entries that are duly received by us by the closing date will be eligible for the competition. Entries not submitted in accordance with these terms and all other rules and directions, or entries that are incomplete and illegible will not be eligible.
- Entries must be original and previously unpublished. Works that have appeared on both personal websites or other literary houses are not eligible. Works appearing on personal social media accounts will not be categorised as published.

Physical Format

- Poetry and prose pieces must be written in English language, (and if submissions are to be submitted in other languages, an English translation must be included in the submission).
- Poetry pieces must not be more than 200 words and not more than 40 lines.
- Prose pieces must not be more than 1,500 words.
- Poetry and prose pieces must be submitted in doc, docx format.
- All art pieces must be submitted in a smart digital image format (jpeg, png).

- All pieces must reflect the participants own work and original thinking and may not infringe on the rights of any other party.
- Any quotations or copyrighted material must be identified and referenced.

Legal and Ethical Notices

- TVO Tribe reserves the right to adapt the rules and awards at any time. Any notifications of said changes will be published on the competition website; www.tvotribe.com/poetlaureate/.
- Each entrant retains the copyright in his or her entry but grants to TVOTRIBE a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media) and post the entry online and on any other platforms yet to be envisaged, together with his or her name, age and country of residence. This licence will be deemed to include all the necessary rights and permissions to enable such use by TVOTRIBE, to fulfil the prizes and to complete the administration of this Competition.
- Entries may not contain statements, facts, information or quotations that may encourage persecution of people on the grounds of race, opinion, religion, ability, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, profession or other persuasion, nor may entries encourage crime or the breaking of laws.
- Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material; TVOTRIBE reserves the right to disqualify entries containing such matter. Entries must be suitable to be published by TVOTRIBE for audiences of all ages.
- By submitting an entry, you agree that TVOTRIBE may at its sole discretion edit, adapt, abridge or translate the entry for the purposes listed in these terms and conditions (even if you don't win we may, for example, publish your poetry piece or excerpts from it as a runner-up in the Competition and in our annual competition anthology). You grant permission to TVOTRIBE and to those acting under TVOTRIBE's authority, to use your name, picture, likeness, voice, biographical information and statements for promotional purposes without additional compensation, in all media now known or hereafter discovered, worldwide and on the Internet and World Wide Web, without notice, review or approval.
- TVOTRIBE reserves the following rights: a) to cancel or amend the competition or these terms and conditions without notice, in the case of: disasters, war, civil disturbance and/or military, other phenomenon of nature, or unpredictable events; b) to cancel the competition in case of any actual or anticipated breach of any law or applicable regulation or any other event beyond the control of TVOTRIBE.

Disqualification

TVOTRIBE may decide to disqualify an entry if it breaks any of the rules or violates terms under 'Legal and Ethical Notices.

