



## **GIVE GIRLS A CHANCE Essay Competition for Young Nigerian Girls 2019**

**Application Deadline:** November 11, 2019

**Problem Statement: Not enough is being done to empower women and girls in Nigeria.**

**Women's empowerment** is the process in which women elaborate and recreate what it is that they can be, do, and accomplish in a circumstance that they previously were denied. Empowerment can be defined in many ways, however, when talking about women's empowerment, empowerment means accepting and allowing people (women) who are on the outside of the decision-making process into it. Empowerment is the process that creates power in individuals over their own lives, society, and in their communities. People are empowered when they are able to access the opportunities available to them without limitations and restrictions such as in education, profession and lifestyle. Empowerment includes the action of raising the status of women through education, raising awareness, literacy, and training. Women's empowerment is all about equipping and allowing women to make life-determining decisions through the different problems in society.

### **Essay Question**

In your own words, what does women's and girl's empowerment mean to you? What are some of the ways in which the Government of Nigeria, civil society, the private sector and families and communities can empower women and girls in Nigeria to become well-rounded, fulfilled and productive citizens?

**Eligible Countries:** Nigeria

**About the Award:** The Give Girls A Chance Essay Competition is implemented as part of the Give Girls A Chance Foundations effort aimed at increasing access to quality education for the Nigerian girl child.

The goal of this Competition is to give young Nigerian girls the opportunity to develop constructive and innovative ideas to address existing development challenges in Nigeria.

The third edition, this competition aims to support voice and agency of young Nigerian girls, whilst leveraging the ideas and innovations led by young people in tackling some of the challenges facing Nigeria.

The competition is open to Nigerian girls between the ages of 13-19, and invites the entrants to submit a 2,000 word essay in English addressing the question ***“In your own words, what does women’s and girl’s empowerment mean to you? What are some of the ways in which the Government of Nigeria, civil society, the private sector and families and communities can empower women and girls in Nigeria to become well-rounded, fulfilled and productive citizens?”***

**Type:** Essay Contest

**Eligibility:**

- Nigerian girls between the ages of 13-19
- The essay must be written English and has to 2,000 words or less.

**Selection:** The Essay will be reviewed by a panel of independent judges.

The panel will be evaluating all submissions according to three criteria: (1) the quality of your arguments; (2) grammar and vocabulary; and (3) the overall flow of your essay.

**Number of Awardees:** 3

**Value of Competition:** The essay competition offers recognition and financial awards.

- The best three essays will be published on the Give Girls A Chance website
- The author of the best essay will receive 30,000 Naira. The second and third place winners will be awarded 20,000 and 10,000 Naira, respectively.

**How to Apply:** Please submit your essay to the following email address [info@givegirlsachanceng.org](mailto:info@givegirlsachanceng.org) by November 11, 2019. The finalists will be notified by November 25, 2019 and the awards will be presented at an event in Abuja, FCT to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Give Girls A Chance Foundation on December 1, 2019.

**Award Provider:** Give Girls A Chance Foundation

