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PORT-OF-SPAIN, September 12, 2012—Young writers living in Trinidad and Tobago have the chance to compete for \$8,000 in cash awards in the 2012-2013 Allen Prize for Young Writers writing competition, which is now open.

The competition, which is open to 12-19-year-olds resident in Trinidad and Tobago, gives prizes for a body of work in the genres of prose fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction, and drama. There are two age categories: junior (12-15 years) and senior (16-19 years). Complete submissions guidelines are available on the Allen Prize for Young Writers Web site <http://allenprize.org>. Entries will close December 27, 2012, and winners will be announced in a ceremony at the NGC Bocas Lit Fest in April, 2013.

In addition to the cash prizes, writers who are successful in the competition will be invited to participate in a two-day writing workshop, and the Allen Prize for Young Writers is currently pursuing plans to publish winning works from the competition.

St George's College student Joshua Sammy was named 2011-2012 Young Writer of the Year in a ceremony in April at the NGC Bocas Lit Fest, having also won the prize for Senior Fiction. Warren De Mills, a student of the University of the Southern Caribbean, won the prize for Senior Poetry.

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