

2020 Toyota Dream Car Competition winners announced

Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) has announced the winners of the 2020 Toyota Dream Car Competition. The competition is open to three age categories with the aim of encouraging children to visualise and sketch mobility solutions of the future in their own worlds.

And the winner is...

Under-8 Category

Khwezi Mhlawuli from Durban: "I would like to see young kids playing with the car I drew and in toy stores and I would be very happy to see my car driven by me one day as I would like to be a racer."

Category 8 – 11



8-11 winner Sahasra Kalakonda

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Sahasra Kalakonda from Midrand: "My Super Solar Car runs only on solar panels to reduce air pollution. The whole body is made of solar panels. It can transform like a giant ship sail that can generate power for home. In drive mode it can transform to open more solar panels for extra power."

Category 12 – 15



12-15 winner Zaakirah Alli

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Zaakirah Alli from Mount Edgecombe: “Sad faces and teary eyes as they look on. This breaks my heart! Therefore, my car is for people with physical disabilities. It can be entirely controlled by your mind or a lever. Wheels in, rocket mode activated and reach for the stars!”

Four runners-up in each age group were also awarded.

Due to Covid-19 protocols, Toyota will not invite the winners to the customary official prize-giving ceremony. This also means that, unlike in the past, the category winners will not be entered into the international competition that is normally judged in Japan.

However, Glenn Crompton – TSAM’s Vice President of Marketing – says the organisation is nonetheless thrilled for this year’s winners.

“We hope that the prizes will go a long way in lifting up the spirits of all the winners and runners-up. This is, without a doubt, one of the most challenging periods of our lifetime, and we can only assume that it’s even more difficult for our children. We would therefore like to encourage them to continue dreaming beyond their social realms and confines – and we are proud that the Toyota Dream Car Competition, and art in general, affords them the opportunity to do just that,” says Crompton.

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