

Things to know - Schools

2013

Eligibility

The awards are open to any school in India.

School: Students from Standard/Grade 8th and above are eligible to participate.

Participation

- Each institution can send any number of entries against the unique 'earthian registration number' of the school.
- Students should form teams and each team should contain at least two students and a teacher as a coordinator/facilitator. Teams should ideally consist of participants across classes/groups from the same School.
- Schools will be selected for the award and the further engagement based on the submissions they make for earthian.

Submissions

- Entries should be submitted in English or Hindi.
- Part A submissions should contain a written report of the activities done. Teams are encouraged to add various forms of creative documentation along with text as mentioned in the activity booklet. Part B submission needs to be an essay covering the set of questions that they wish to answer.
- Total size of the write up should be within 5000 words.
- Additional material may be requested from shortlisted entries and/or the institute.
- The format for attachment can be any one of the following: .doc, .docx, .pdf.
- Only 1 attachment is allowed for each entry, and total file size limit is 2 MB per entry.
- For supplementary material (Video, Presentation), you can either upload the content on Yousendit.com or YouTube and share us the link.
- Last date for submission is 30th of October, 2013.

Note on Plagiarism

1. Plagiarism is copying, close imitation and publication of someone else's material (written and/or electronic source like Wikipedia, internet articles etc.) and passing it off as one's own.
2. Entries resorting to any form of plagiarism will be rejected and not be considered for assessment. All entries submitted will undergo a plagiarism check.
3. Please quote and reference an external source appropriately in your submission.

Evaluation criteria

The submissions to earthian 2013 will be judged based on a broad approach as deemed appropriate by the jury. This will be based on how genuinely the activity was done, the comprehensiveness and creativity in documenting the activities, the ability in seeing and drawing the broader connections well.

To give some more clarity and a sense of direction to participants, we are listing a few key evaluation criteria. However, please don't blindly go by these alone; keep a broader vision in mind, as mentioned above.



1. Genuineness in doing the activity as displayed in the details in the documentation, the data provided and other evidence of having done the activity
2. Creativity in documentation. Usage of multiple formats and ways and methods of reporting that are weaved together well into a whole. Ideas for this given in a section above
3. Beyond just the data presented a sense of having understood the problems well as displayed in the documentation
4. How well have the activities done been connected to each other
5. How well have the connections to other issues been drawn to expand the understanding of Sustainability
6. Have different perspectives to the issues raised in Part B been understood, thought through and presented well

Further, each Part (A and B) is important in its own way. So it is important to do both parts well. The weightage given to each part in the evaluation is as follows:

Part	International
A	50% (40% for mandatory tasks + 10% for additional tasks as identified in Chapters 2,3 and 4 of the Activity booklet)
B	50%

Dates & Timelines

Registration	Open from 15 th July 2013
Submission Deadline	11 th October 2013
Shortlisted Entries	30 th November 2013
Selected Institutes (Final)	20 th December 2013
Award Event	Likely to be in 3 rd week of January 2014

Awards & Recognition

Awards are addressed at the institutional (school/college) level and not at the individual level. This is to encourage the building of institutional capability in the area of sustainability on a long term basis.

Schools and colleges can create teams to work on submitting entries on a specific statement scenario. Each team can also consist of a faculty member as the guide, with primary contribution, ownership, and representation coming primarily from students.

- 10 awards of RS. 100000 (\$2000) each, trophy for the institution and certificate for the team. Continuous engagement in the area of sustainability and education with students and winning institutes for next 3 years.

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