

The goal of OPC's "2015 Student Art and Essay Contest" is to introduce District public school students to energy issues in a creative way: what it is, the role it plays in their lives, and how to be a responsible steward of energy (for example through energy efficiency measures), as well as how to become energy smart. Consistent with the symposium theme, entries for the contest should address some aspect of energy, including, but not limited to, renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainability, energy conservation, solar energy and the future of energy, among others.

Eligibility: Currently enrolled DCPS students in kindergarten through grade 12. Contest rules and instructions are enclosed with this flyer. Winning entries will be selected by judges who will be currently enrolled District of Columbia college students. Awards will be given for the best art in each class category and the best plant or quilt project entries for kindergarten through grade 5 only and the best essays for entries in grades 6-12; an awards chart is enclosed. Winners and teachers will be invited to receive their awards at the symposium on April 15, 2015.

Entry Deadline: March 23, 2015. Entire classes may elect to submit one entry for the art, quilt or plant terrarium project only (e.g., a kindergarten class) or each student in a class can submit an entry. All essays should be individually prepared. Each class or student that wants their entry to be accepted must follow the submission rules.



Entry Submission: Entries for the plant terrarium, quilt, art work and essay can be submitted by U.S. Postal service to the Office of the People's Counsel, 1133 15th Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005 or by hand delivery. Entries for the essays can also be submitted by email at: essaycontest@opc-dc.gov. If your school may need to have projects picked up, please contact the office for further information.

Additional Information: All exhibits that are submitted will be judged prior to being displayed at the Horizon's 2015 Symposium on April 18, 2015. Winners will be announced and awarded their prizes at the event. Invitations for the symposium will be sent to all principals and faculty; OPC encourages DCPS to extend the invitation to their students' parents.

Contacts: We look forward to your school's participation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the contest coordinators, Ms. Tamika Dodson, Paralegal, or Mr. Jason Cumberbatch, Electrical Engineer, at 202-727-3071 for additional information. Ms. Dodson and Mr. Cumberbatch will be pleased to send information to teachers and students to help them develop project ideas with the energy theme.



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