

GUIDELINES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
ESSAY COMPETITION



A) Overview

Sustainable energy is an important aspect of a low-carbon economy. Renewable energy and energy efficiency, the two pillars of sustainable energy, are essential for energy diversification, energy security, climate change mitigation and overall sustainability. The Guyana Energy Agency, as part of its Energy Week observances during November 16-22, 2014, will be launching an Essay Competition for Secondary School Students under the theme 'Achieving Climate, Environmental and Economic Resilience through Sustainable Energy'.

This essay competition is organized in an effort to sensitize youths at a secondary school level on energy use, environmental issues and sustainable development and their inextricable links at a national level. It also aims to facilitate discussions on such topics among students and teachers with encouraged learning throughout the process.

B) Target Participants

Students of Forms four (4) to six (6) from schools within Guyana are encouraged to participate.

C) TOPIC

Citing examples, discuss ***'The importance of sustainable energy in achieving climate, environmental and economic resilience in Guyana'***.

Reference can be made to the UN Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) initiative, the CARICOM Energy Policy, the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) and regional and national initiatives.

D) General Guidelines for Activity

1. The competition is open only to students of Forms 4, 5 and 6.
2. Essays must have a minimum of 3,000 words and a maximum of 3,500 words.
3. Essays must have a cover page indicating name, age, class, school, phone number and essay title.
4. Entries missing any of the above information will not be considered.
5. Essays must be original and unpublished.
6. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
7. Essays must be submitted in both written and electronic form.

E) Submission

The deadline for submission is **Friday, December 12, 2014 at 3:30 pm.**

Written entries should be submitted in sealed envelopes to the following address:

ENERGY AND ENERGY STATISTICS DIVISION
GUYANA ENERGY AGENCY
295 Quamina Street,
South Cummingsburg, Georgetown
Telephone No.: 226-3719

Electronic submissions should be submitted to ygernetai@gmail.com under the caption "GEA Energy Week 2014: Essay" and are subject to the guidelines above in section D.

F) Prizes

Prizes (gift voucher for the purchase of books and a trophy) will be awarded to first, second and third place entries.

The representative schools of the first, second and third place winners will also be awarded a token.