



Judges' Scoring Rubric

ENTRY #

Content (35 points)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>1. Originality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the idea identify a new or fresh approach to an environmental issue? (If enhancing an idea previously presented, originality will be based on improvement of idea.) | <p>0 - 10 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>2. Environmental Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How substantial is the environmental impact and benefit? (e.g. number of people reached and/or geographical region improved) | <p>0 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>3. Scope of Idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the idea reflect a deep understanding of the problem or issue? What are the costs of labor and materials? | <p>0 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>4. Research, Development & Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What kinds of research or experimentation support the idea? What, if any, action/research has been taken? Research has been cited. Is it feasible, innovative, well-developed? Does it comply with existing laws? Are there undesirable side effects? | <p>0 - 10 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>5. Graphics/Visuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charts, graphs, sketches, models, etc. How well do the graphics and/or visuals enhance the proposal. (Graphics must reinforce the idea, not repeat or replace the proposal, to be awarded points. PowerPoint presentations will only be considered a graphic supplement if they contain a material that is additional to the written proposal.) | <p>0 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |

SUBTOTAL

Mechanics (20 points)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1. Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear introduction and conclusion Clearly develops central idea Well-developed paragraphs Subtitles, bullets, or numbers increase readability. | <p>1 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>2. Effective Word Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precise vocabulary Strong action verbs Technical terms and abbreviations are defined. Limits use of clichés and slang | <p>1 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>3. Sentence Structure and Writing Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varied sentence structure Avoids fragments and run-ons Correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, and usage. Avoids infinite "you" | <p>1 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| <p>4. APA Formatting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APA in-text citations APA Reference page | <p>1 - 5 Pts</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |

SUBTOTAL

TOTAL