

## ECO DIARY COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES

**Eligibility.** Subject to the additional restrictions below, the **ECO DIARY COMPETITION** (the “Competition”) is open to legal U.S. residents who are full time students in grades 5-8 at a public or private schools in Colorado. ***Students must participate as teams composed of a minimum of 2 students and a maximum of 4 students (a “Student Team”).***

**Sponsor:** Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning

**Donor:** Panasonic Foundation

**How to Enter:** The Competition Entry Period will begin on January 2, 2024 9:00 a.m. (EST) and end at 6:00 p.m. (EST) on April 26, 2024. The Competition will end on or about May 6, 2024, or the date judging is completed. Each Student Team, comprised of 2-4 students, must maintain an “Eco Diary”. The Eco Diary must include specific details of the actions to protect the environment, undertaken by the Student Team, during the time period the Eco Diary is maintained. The Eco Diary must consist of four different action items. If a classroom has more than one team, each team's diary must include different actions. However, the actions can be related to the same environmental topic as others in their class.

The Eco Diary entries should include written descriptions of the Student Team’s actions; and illustrations, graphics or photos. Each Eco Diary must include action descriptions and must be typed in English. Each entry must also include one photo of the team completing their actions with all team information. Each Eco Team’s teacher may submit three of their best entries per class and a completed entry form with each of the top three entries. Entries **MUST** be completed using the **digital Eco Diary template** and submissions must be uploaded through the program website at [www.ecocitizenship.org](http://www.ecocitizenship.org) All entries must be uploaded no later than April 26, 2024.

Sponsor will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected, or illegible entries, or failure to receive entries by the stated deadlines. All entries become property of Sponsor and none will be returned.

### **Prizes and Odds.**

Five student teams and their teacher will be chosen as winners.

Student Winners: (ARV: \$50) per student on the team  
5 teams, up to four students per team

Winning team teachers:5 teachers (ARV: \$50)

**Winner Selection.** A panel of qualified judges, selected by Sponsor and Panasonic Corporation of North America, will judge all eligible entries according to five (5) categories detailed below, each of which will be 20% of the total score. The ratings scale for each category will range from one (1) to twenty (20), with 20 being the best score. Five (5) Student Teams will be selected as winners based on the highest cumulative scores. In the event of a tie, tied entries will be re-judged on the same criteria listed below. Decisions of judges

and Sponsor shall be final and binding in all respects. Judging will be completed on or about May 6, 2024.

Category	Scoring	PointsEarned
<b>Diary Entry 1</b>	<p>___ The entry includes one photo or original piece of artwork that is a clear representation of what the team learned from its research. (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>___ The entry includes one paragraph explaining the team’s research process and clearly stating the ideas or issues it found most interesting for follow up. (up to 10 pts)</p> <p>___ The writing is coherent, accurate and uses correct sentence structure with no errors in spelling or grammar. (up to 5 pts)</p>	___/20
<b>Diary Entry 2</b>	<p>___ The entry includes one photo or original piece of artwork that is a clear representation of the environmental issue selected by the team for its action. (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>___ The entry includes one paragraph clearly stating the environmental issue selected by the team and its response or planned action with a detailed plan showing how the team will implement it. (up to 10 pts)</p> <p>___ The writing is coherent, accurate and uses correct sentence structure with no errors in spelling or grammar. (up to 5 pts)</p>	___/20
<b>Diary Entry 3</b>	<p>___ The entry includes one photo or original piece of artwork that is a clear representation of the action or activity completed by the team in the community. (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>___ The entry includes one paragraph describing the implementation of the action or activity including what occurred, how and where in the community and the teamwork involved that made it happen. (up to 10 pts)</p> <p>___ The writing is coherent, accurate and uses correct sentence structure with no errors in spelling or grammar. (up to 5 pts)</p>	___/20
<b>Diary Entry 4</b>	<p>___ The entry includes one photo or original piece of artwork that is a clear representation of the team’s outcomes or results. (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>___ The entry includes one paragraph describing the successes of the project, how, if any, challenges were overcome, and the next steps planned by the team to build on or continue the project. (up to 10 pts)</p> <p>___ The writing is coherent, accurate and uses correct sentence structure with no errors in spelling or grammar. (up to 5 pts)</p>	___/20
<b>Overall Presentation</b>	<p>The project story, as illustrated and written, shows enthusiasm and engagement by the whole team. It is clear the team took action in the community to improve the environment and collected information documenting its project outcomes and impact. The illustrations draw your attention and are aligned with the narrative. The story is clear, well written and descriptive with attention to grammar and spelling. (up to 20 pts)</p>	___/20
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF POINTS AWARDED</b>		___/100

**Winner Notification and Acceptance.** The teachers of the winning Student Teams will be notified, by the Sponsor on Sponsor on or about May 6, 2024. Sponsor will contact the teachers of the Student Teams by phone at the number included with the entry form. Sponsor will call during regular business hours at the number provided on entry form. Failure to reach the respective teachers by phone, after 3 attempts, may result in disqualification of winners, forfeiture of their interest in all prizes, and selection of a substitute winner from among all remaining eligible entries. The teachers will be required to notify each of their winning students. Winners may waive their right to receive prizes. Prizes are non-assignable and non-transferable. No substitutions allowed by winner. Prizes and individual components of prize packages are subject to availability and Sponsor reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. Winners are solely responsible for reporting and payment of any taxes on prizes. Winners will be required to complete an affidavit of eligibility/liability certifying that the entrant's submission is entrant's original work, that entrant owns right to the work, that the submission has not previously won an award or prize in a competition and has not previously been published, and that entrant has complied with the Official Rules of the Competition, and a liability and publicity release (except where prohibited by law) which must be returned as instructed. Failure to sign and return the affidavit or release, or to comply with any term or condition of these Official Rules, may result in a winner's disqualification, the forfeiture of his or her interest in the prize, and the award of the prize to a substitute winner. Prizes won by minors will be awarded to parent or legal guardian who must sign any affidavit or release required by Sponsor. Except where prohibited, acceptance of any prize constitutes each winner's consent to the publication of his or her name, biographical information and likeness in any media, (including the Internet) for any commercial or promotional purpose, without limitation, or further compensation. Prizes not won and claimed by eligible winners in accordance with these Official Rules will not be awarded and will remain the property of Sponsor.

**Participation.** By participating, students and teachers agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify persons found tampering with or otherwise abusing any aspect of this Competition as solely determined by Sponsor. In the event the Competition is compromised by tampering or other causes beyond the reasonable control of Sponsor which corrupts or impairs the administration, security, fairness or proper operation of the Competition, Sponsor reserve the right in their sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the Competition. Should the Competition be terminated prior to the stated expiration date, Sponsor reserves the right to award prizes based on the entries received before the termination date. Any questions regarding the number of entries submitted shall be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. Sponsor further reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is alleged to infringe on any third-party's intellectual property rights, or that Sponsor deems obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate for viewing by a general audience. By participating in the Competition, the entrants, winners, and their parents and legal guardians hereby release Sponsor, and Panasonic of North America and each of their respective affiliated companies, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all claims, complaints, disputes, and liabilities in connection with this Competition or the availability of or use of any prize ("Released Parties").

**Copyright.** By entering the Competition, each student grants to Sponsor, and Panasonic of North America an exclusive, royalty-free and irrevocable right and license to publish, print, edit, display, broadcast or otherwise use the Student Teams' Eco-Diary, in whole or in part, for any purpose and in any manner or media (including, without limitation, the Internet) throughout the world in perpetuity, and to license others to do so, all without limitation or further compensation. Each student further agrees that if his/her entry is selected by Sponsor as a winning entry, he/she will sign any additional license or release that Sponsor or Panasonic of North America may require and will not publicly perform or display his or her submission without the express permission of Sponsor.

**Construction.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these rules shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any such provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, these rules shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained therein. Any disputes or complaints regarding this Competition will be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to its choice of laws provision.

**Sponsor.** The decisions of Sponsor and the judges regarding the selection of winners and all other aspects of the Competition shall be final and binding in all respects. Sponsor will not be responsible for typographical, printing or other inadvertent errors in these Official Rules or in other materials relating to the Competition. For a list of winners (available after May 6, 2024) or a copy of these Official Rules, visit: [ecocitizenship.org](http://ecocitizenship.org) or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Winners List/Official Rules" (as applicable), Eco Diary Competition c/o Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning, P.O. Box 4144, Broadlands, VA 20148. If you have any questions regarding this Competition, please contact: [Kim@fill.foundation](mailto:Kim@fill.foundation)

**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR TO WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR ODDS OF WINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.**