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SUSTAINABILITY - Global Schools Prize

Recognises schools that are champions of environmental education, climate action, and sustainability practices both inside and outside the classroom.

Applicant's Full Name

In which language are you completing this form?

Please specify the language in which you are filling out the form.

First Name

Last Name

Email address

Job title

Name of school

School website (optional)

Please enter your school's website URL.

Country

Which town or city is your school located in?

Which state or province is your school located in?

School address

How did you find out about the Global Schools Prize? (optional)

- Social media
- News / article
- School
- Varkey Foundation
- Other

Which age or grade levels does your school serve?

- Early Years / Preschool
- Primary / Elementary
- Lower Secondary / Middle School / Junior High
- Upper Secondary / High School
- Senior Secondary (Post-16 / College Prep)
- Other

Age range of students (for example 4-10 years)

How many students attend your school?

What is the total number of staff at your school?

Does your school belong to a larger school chain or group? If yes, please provide the name. (optional)

How would you describe your school type?

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- Government – Standard (mainstream state-funded)
- Government – Faith (state-funded, religious)
- Government – Selective (e.g., grammar, exam-entry)
- Government – Other (e.g., Charter, Academy, Free School)
- Government - Special Education (serving students with disabilities or special needs)
- Government – Vocational / Technical (state-funded trade or technical focus)
- Private / Independent (tuition-funded)
- Private – Faith (independent, religious)
- Private – International (IB, Cambridge, American curriculum, etc.)
- Private – Low-Cost / Partnership (part-subsidized, affordable independent)
- ...

What type of student enrollment does your school have? (optional)

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- Coeducational (Mixed)
- Boys school
- Girls School

School Social Media (optional)

Please insert your school Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, Tiktok or other social media handles

PLEASE NOTE:

- All prize applications will undergo a thorough check for AI-generated content, and any use of such content could lead to disqualification.
- You may include up to two web links per answer; responses with more will not be reviewed.

Your School's Story

500
words

Tell us about your school —its background, context and mission. Share the achievements you are most proud of, as well as the challenges your students or community have faced. Highlight what makes your school unique: the innovations you've introduced, the resilience you've shown, and the impact you've had on students, teachers, and the wider community. Inspire us with why your school deserves to win the Global Schools Prize.

Whole-School Sustainability Integration

(optional) 350
words

Q1. Describe how your school integrates environmental sustainability into its overall mission, operations, and culture.

Judging Focus: Depth of integration into mission and culture; evidence in leadership, policy, and daily operations; alignment between rhetoric and practice.

(Include examples from curriculum design, leadership, policies, infrastructure, etc.)

Environmental Education and Student Empowerment

(optional) 350
words

Q2. How does your school ensure that students receive meaningful, age-appropriate environmental education that fosters critical thinking and problem-solving?

Judging Focus: Quality and depth of environmental education; use of inquiry-based or experiential learning; evidence of skill development.

(Please share lesson plans, student projects, or assessment examples if available.)

Environmental Education and Student Empowerment

(optional) 350
words

Q3. Describe any student-led initiatives, clubs, or campaigns that focus on environmental or climate action.

Judging Focus: Level of student leadership and ownership; scale and impact of initiatives; sustainability of student engagement over time.

(How are students empowered to take leadership and drive impact?)

Community Engagement and Impact Beyond the School

(optional) 350
words

Q4. How does your school engage with local communities, parents, or external organisations to extend its environmental education and impact?

Judging Focus: Strength and inclusivity of partnerships; alignment with community needs; evidence of reciprocal benefits.

(Include partnerships, events, advocacy efforts, or local projects.)

Innovation and Climate Action Leadership

(optional)

350 words

Q5. Describe any innovative sustainability projects or practices your school has pioneered.**Judging Focus:** Originality of approach; appropriateness to local context; potential for replication; demonstrated results.*(This could include climate resilience, green technologies, or new teaching approaches.)***Innovation and Climate Action Leadership**

(optional) 350

words

Q6. Has your school played a leadership role (locally, nationally or globally) in environmental or climate-related education?**Judging Focus:** Scale of influence; evidence of impact on other schools, policies, or networks; leadership visibility.*(Please explain how, and what the influence has been on others.)***Measurable Outcomes and Continuous Improvement**

(optional) 350 words

Q7. How does your school measure the success of its environmental and sustainability efforts?**Judging Focus:** Clarity and relevance of metrics; link between actions and measurable results; reliability of evidence.*(Provide examples of improved outcomes and metrics used—environmental footprint, learning outcomes, behavioural change, etc.)***Measurable Outcomes and Continuous Improvement**

(optional) 350

words

Q8. What systems or processes are in place to ensure continuous improvement and long-term sustainability of your environmental initiatives?**Judging Focus:** Strength and feasibility of improvement processes; commitment to long-term goals; adaptability based on feedback/data.**Use of the Prize Funds**

300

If your school were to win the Prize, how would you plan to use the funds? Please share any initiatives or projects your school is passionate about that could be strengthened by this support — for example, teaching innovations, sustainability efforts, student or community programs, or projects that would benefit from the funding and global recognition the Prize provides.

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SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE****Please provide the following evidence to support your application**

1. Reference Letter:

From your current or recent school/institution (within the past 2 years). It should include:

- The applicant's full name, job title, school name, subject(s) taught, and the length of employment.
- School/institution name and address, referee's full name, job title, and relationship to applicant.

- A statement endorsing the applicant as an educator or for the Global Teacher Prize.
 1. Proof of official or public recognition (e.g., from governments, institutions, NGOs, UN, media appearances).
Optional
 2. Additional documents
Optional: photos or URLs to support your application

Guidelines:

- Max 10 files total (text, image, audio, or video).
- Supporting files: should be limited to 2 pages each, no links. Formats: JPEG/PDF (other formats accepted), max 5MB each.
- Video: may be hosted on platforms like YouTube. Provide active public URLs.
- Do not upload extra answers to application questions—only responses in the application form will be reviewed.
- All supporting documents can be uploaded in the original language.

GLOBAL SCHOOLS PRIZE

Please provide the following evidence to support your application:

1. Please upload proof of any awards, certifications, accreditations, or other forms of recognition your school has received, whether national or international (e.g., IB, Cambridge, government inspections, UNESCO programs, or similar achievements).
2. Additional documents
Optional: documents, photos or videos to support your application

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Video URL 1 (optional)

Video URL 2 (optional)

By submitting your application you are giving your consent to receiving updates on the prize and the Varkey Foundation. You will be able to unsubscribe at any time.