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OVERCOMING ADVERSITY - Global Schools Prize

Honours schools that have succeeded despite significant barriers, such as conflict, refugee integration, poverty, natural disasters, or limited resources.

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.

Q1: Understanding the Adversity

(optional)

Describe the main challenges or adversity your school has faced in recent years. How do you understand the systemic causes and long-term effects of these challenges on your school community?

Judging Focus: Clarity of adversity description; depth of understanding; contextual awareness (social, economic, political, cultural factors).

Q2: Community-Rooted Response

(optional) 350

How has your school worked with families, local leaders, and community members to co-create solutions? Provide examples of collaborative initiatives that have addressed these challenges.

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Judging Focus: Depth and inclusivity of community engagement; local ownership; sustainability of solutions.

Q3: Student Voice and Leadership

(optional) 350

How are students involved in shaping the school's response to adversity? Share examples of how their voices, ideas, and leadership have influenced decisions or outcomes.

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Judging Focus: Authenticity of student engagement; evidence of student-led impact; inclusivity of diverse student perspectives.

Q4: Adaptive and Inclusive Leadership

(optional) 350

Describe how school leadership has navigated challenges with courage, agility, inclusivity, and transparency. Include examples of decisions or actions that demonstrated moral courage and resilience.

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Judging Focus: Responsiveness to changing conditions; inclusivity in decision-making; ethical leadership under pressure.

Q5: Innovation in Adversity

(optional) 350

Share an example of an innovative or creative solution your school has implemented to address a significant challenge. How was it developed, and what impact has it had?

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Judging Focus: Originality; appropriateness to context; scalability or adaptability; clear evidence of positive results.

Q6: Wellbeing and Resilience Support

(optional) 350

What practices has your school adopted to support emotional wellbeing, resilience, and healing for students and staff? Include trauma-informed or restorative approaches where relevant.

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Judging Focus: Quality and relevance of wellbeing practices; inclusivity; evidence of improved resilience and emotional safety.

Q7: Turning Constraints into Opportunities

(optional) 350

Provide an example where limited resources, restrictions, or hardship led to a breakthrough idea, programme, or partnership in your school.

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Judging Focus: Resourcefulness; creativity; long-term benefits emerging from constraints.

Q8: Sustaining Change

(optional) 350

How has your school ensured that the solutions developed in response to adversity are embedded into its culture and daily practice?

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Judging Focus: Institutionalisation of practices; consistency over time; integration into policy and school identity.

Q9: Influence Beyond the School

(optional) 350

Describe how your school's work in overcoming adversity has influenced other schools, local or national policy, or the wider community.

words

Judging Focus: Breadth and depth of external influence; evidence of shared learning; contributions to systemic change.

Q10: Measuring Impact

(optional) 350

What evidence (qualitative and quantitative) shows that your school's efforts have **improved conditions, resilience, or outcomes for students and the community?**

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Judging Focus: Clear link between actions and outcomes; measurable and observable improvements; reliability of evidence.

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.