



2015 Energy Expo at the Rhode Island Home Show

Student Poster Contest!

Each year, residents of Rhode Island are invited to attend the Home Show at the Rhode Island Convention Center which is dedicated to showcasing the latest home related equipment, products, and services. The Energy Expo will be held within the Home Show and will offer innovative and practical solutions and strategies to help Rhode Islanders lower their energy costs.

About the Contest

From increasing energy prices to climate change, energy issues impact us all. It is important that our future leaders are prepared to deal with these on-going challenges. We challenge each of your students to design a poster that depicts one of three energy-related concepts: energy conservation, renewable energy, and greenhouse gas emissions.

The winning artists will be formally recognized by members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation and other distinguished leaders as part of the Rhode Island Clean Energy Future Awards Ceremony, tentatively scheduled for the evening of Friday, March 6th. The winners and their guests will also be invited to attend the Energy Professionals Networking Event immediately following the Awards Ceremony.

Posters should be designed based on the following guidelines according to grade group.

- Grades K-5:** There are many easy ways to save energy at home, like turning off the lights and opening the shades or turning off the TV to go play outside. ***Design a poster showing at least one fun and creative way that people can save energy at home!*** Use your imagination!
- Grades 6-8:** The use of renewable energy like solar and wind power can help pave the way towards a sustainable future. ***Design a poster advertising the use of renewable energy in Rhode Island!*** For example, a poster could promote the benefits of using solar panels on the state's capitol building or at the Johnston landfill. Creative drawings and unique slogans are encouraged!
- Grades 9-12:** As the world faces many environmental issues such as climate change and resource scarcity, it is important that we use energy in a way that minimizes environmental impacts. ***Design a poster depicting the potential impacts of climate change on our planet and the people who live here and what we can do to prevent these impacts.*** For example, if we continue to burn fossil fuels our air quality will be diminished, but converting to renewable energy will help prevent this. Pictures and factual information are encouraged!

For ideas and more information on energy concepts, visit energy.gov/eere.

Poster Contest Official Rules

1. Posters must be the original design and creation of the entrants.
2. Entrants must design their poster according to the directions related to their grade group.
3. Posters may be in color or black and white. The use of paint, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pastels, collage, etc. is encouraged. Wood, plastic, glass, or other hard or breakable materials are not allowed.
4. Posters should be no smaller than 8 ½" x 11" and no larger than 11" x 17".
5. A completed entry form must be attached to the back of each entry. Do not write your name anywhere on your poster.
6. Each poster will be evaluated by an impartial panel of judges based on adherence to the directions, creativity, originality, accuracy of content, and overall design.
7. There will be a first place and a second place winner within each grade group.
8. The decision of the judges is final.
9. All entries must be mailed to:

Rachel Sholly
RI Office of Energy Resources
One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor
Providence, RI 02908
10. All entries must be postmarked no later than **Monday February 9, 2015**.
11. The RI Office of Energy Resources will not be held responsible for entries that are lost or damaged in the mail.
12. Posters will be returned as soon as possible.

Entry Form

GRADE: K-5 6-8 9-12

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CHILD'S AGE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

(PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ARE FOR AWARD NOTIFICATION ONLY)

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Questions can be directed to Rachel Sholly at 401-574-9121 or rachel.sholly@energy.ri.gov.