

Raytheon Solipsys 2011 Kaua`i Scholarship Contest Official Rules

This year's theme:

You have been asked to make a report in support of your favorite green initiative to help Kaua`i become energy independent while reducing its carbon footprint. This means your project must produce energy without using fossil fuels or save energy to reduce our use of fossil fuels. Also, it must not produce more CO² than it uses. Your plan is just one part of the entire solution of making a greener Kaua`i, so while it alone doesn't need to make Kaua`i energy independent, it should still be as carbon neutral as possible or have a net zero carbon footprint. This means if your solution creates carbon emissions, it must be offset by something that reduces carbon emissions (such as planting trees).

Your report must address the concerns of the four board members who will be reviewing it: Mrs. LightningBolt who is primarily concerned with energy; Ms. GreenJeans, who is focused on environmental impact; Mr. MoneyMatters, who just cares about the economics of your proposal; and, Miss Von TouristTrap, who is concerned about the affect your idea will have on tourism.

Entry requirements:

Grades 1-3:

Submit a poster to Mrs. LightningBolt illustrating how technology can be used to meet the energy needs of Kaua`i. You do not need to cover the carbon aspects of your idea.

Grades 4-6:

Submit a 500-750 word paper with 3-6 pictures explaining to Mrs. LightningBolt and Ms. GreenJeans how technology can be used to meet the energy needs of Kaua`i and avoid a significant impact on the environment. Briefly cover the carbon aspects of your idea.

Grades 7-9:

Explain in 750-1,000 words with 6-9 pictures to Mrs. LightningBolt, Ms. GreenJeans and Mr. MoneyMatters how technology may be used to meet the energy needs, minimize impact on the environment and still be economically sound while leaving a small to no carbon footprint.

Grades 10-12:

Explain in 1,000-1,250 words with 9-12 pictures to all four board members, Mrs. LightningBolt, Ms. GreenJeans, Mr. MoneyMatters and Miss Von TouristTrap, how technology may be used to meet the energy needs, avoid environmental impact, be economically sound and still bring tourism to Kaua`i all while leaving no carbon footprint or a minimal one.

1. All participants must currently reside on the island of Kaua`i and be enrolled in a Kaua`i elementary school, middle school, high school, private school, or home-school equivalent. Students ranging from first through twelfth grades are eligible to enter.
2. Entries will be received from 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. If entries are mailed, they must be in the hands of the judges on or before 4:00 p.m. October 25th to be considered.
3. To enter the contest, eligible students can receive and submit a registration/media release form in person, at their school, online at www.solipsys.com or at either Solipsys location on Kaua`i:

West Side

Raytheon Solipsys
9565 Kaumuali'i Highway, Suite 104
Waimea, HI 96796
808.338.1436 ext. 23

East Side

Raytheon Solipsys
4485 Pahe'e Street, Suite 101
Lihu'e, HI 96766
808.241.1555 ext. 262

4. Entries may be submitted in person or by U.S. Mail. Electronic copies of written entries may also be submitted via e-mail to scholarship@solipsys.com. Entries delivered in person will be accepted Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. on October 25) at either Solipsys location on Kaua'i. Please call the Solipsys location you plan to visit ahead of time if you desire to register and/or submit an entry in person.
5. The author of each poster/presentation in each grade-level category that best articulates the contest theme will be awarded a \$275 cash grand prize, for a total of four grand prizes, the next best entry in each grade-level category will be awarded a \$150 second-place prize, and the third best entry in each grade-level category will be awarded a \$75 third-place prize. The grade-level categories are as follows: Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12.
6. Factors taken into consideration by the judges include, but are not limited to: creativity, vision, organization, relevance to theme, and spelling and grammar with respect to each grade-level group. Word count includes only words in the body of the submission. Words in the cover and bibliography pages and third party text are excluded from the count.
7. The first 100 participants to submit their entries will receive an official Kaua'i Island Scholarship Contest T-Shirt. Eligible contestants will be notified by their school when awards are delivered to the school and distributed by the principal. Home schooled participants will be notified by Solipsys and may pick up their awards at either Solipsys location on Kaua'i.
8. Only one entry per participant will be accepted. If more than one is submitted, only the first will be considered.
9. Questions are encouraged and may be submitted by phone to 808-241-1555 ext. 262 or email to scholarship@solipsys.com.
10. Solipsys Corporation is not responsible for the content of any contest entry.

By submitting an entry with the registration/media release form, you are stating that you agree to all contest rules stated above, and, if under the age of 18, certify that you have the permission of a parent or legal guardian to participate.