



BELCO Earth Hour Essay Competition in cooperation with Greenrock & Bermuda National Library

2012 Earth Hour Essay Competition Theme

**I Have the Power:
Five Ways that I Keep My Bermuda “Green”**

Students in each of the following Age Categories are invited to submit essays on the *Essay Competition Theme*. Entries will be judged on content, ideas and creativity, as well as grammar, spelling, punctuation and how well the essay is written. *Please note:* Students should revise and edit their essays before submitting them, are required to ensure accuracy of facts and dates, and are encouraged to use a resources page. The Student Age Categories and essay lengths are:

Ages 9-11	Essay of 200-300 words
Ages 12-14	Essay of 400-500 words
Ages 15-18	Essay of 800-1,000 words

DEADLINE for submitting essays is Friday, 9th March.

Essays will be judged by representatives of BELCO, Greenrock and Bermuda National Library. Winners will be contacted. Winners will be announced during Greenrock’s Earth Hour Celebration, Saturday, 31st March, at Hamilton City Hall.

Earth Hour Essay Competition Winners

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place prizes will be awarded in each Student Age Category (*9 winners in total*).

- **1st Place** – \$50.00 plus an *Amazon Kindle Fire*[®], pre-loaded with an environmental book

School Prize: Each **1st Place** winner’s school will receive a cheque for \$250.00 to use for an environmental project.

- **2nd Place** – \$50.00 plus a book on an environmental topic
- **3rd Place** – \$25.00 plus a book on an environmental topic

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General Rules

- The competition is open to all Students in the specified Age Categories.
- Only one essay per student is allowed, and each essay must be written by one person (*i.e., essays may not be submitted by groups of students working together*).
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced. Accuracy of facts is important; students are encouraged to include a resources page. Students are also encouraged to consult their school libraries, the library at Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo and Bermuda National Library – Youth Library.
- Each essay must be submitted with the following information clearly typed on it:
 - 1) Name of student
 - 2) Gender of student
 - 3) Age & grade in school
 - 4) Name of teacher
 - 5) Name of school
 - 6) School/teacher phone number and/or e-mail address contact information
- Please submit essays by Friday, 9th March to:

Mrs. Susan McGrath-Smith
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Mail: P.O. Box HM 1026, Hamilton HM DX
Drop-off location: BELCO, 27 Serpentine Road, Pembroke
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Please direct questions to Mrs. Susan McGrath-Smith at 298-6126 or smsmith@sigma.bm

All entries become the property of BELCO, Bermuda National Library & Greenrock.