

Primary, Secondary and Advanced Leaders Award for STEM

Guidance for STEM Ambassadors



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Project Overview

The Leader's award for STEM was designed to give students between the ages of 5 and 19 an opportunity to gather personalised careers awareness. Students research, meet and interview professionals from a range of backgrounds about their career, career paths asking questions that are important to them.

The project has two parts, firstly students write a formal letter of application emailed to the editor@leadersaward.com. To complete the award students must then complete an interview with a STEM professional and submit to the editor whereon they will receive a certificate.

Special Awards are a series of awards supported by outside organisations each having a particular foci for the interviews and range of prizes for the best entries. Students can submit as many interviews as they wish in any one academic year. (The Leaders Award requires an annual up-dated application letter.)

Methodology

Schools are increasingly more aware of this award and are being guided to the STEM Ambassador programme as a way of accessing a range of STEM professionals. There are two ways which schools can engage - Schools identify students and the type of careers they are interested in and request a STEM Ambassador visit. Secondly STEM Ambassadors can make the contact teacher aware of the award which could form part of the school visit or activity.

The Interview Process

To achieve the award students must submit a written interview; however pupils below the age of 9 can submit a video or podcast interview. We are happy to receive video interviews but these will not form part of the award unless specified in a 'Special Award' category.

- ▶ Prior to the interview students will carry out research and prepare questions
- ▶ They will ask permission to film, record or photograph the interview and this is something the interviewee must be comfortable with and is not a compulsory part of the award
- ▶ The interview can be video conference, teleconference or face-to-face, and should ideally take no longer than an hour – the interview can be conducted by a number of students each asking their own questions in a press conference style scenario each writing their own interpretation of the answers
- ▶ It is at the discretion of the interviewee to ask to see interviews before they are sent off for the award.
- ▶ Received interviews will, where appropriate, be forwarded to organisations that are judging the Special Awards – these interviews will be published on the organisations and Leaders Award websites and short extracts maybe used for publicity purposes.
- ▶ Interviewees will be notified if their interview has received a Special Award.
- ▶ The editor will decide if any interview should be excluded or returned. The editor will also forward interviews that are deemed to be a distinction to the interviewee for their own company publicity materials.
- ▶ As of September 2010 there will be a Teacher's Award for interviews looking at the use of maths in different subject areas/careers – so in some cases you may be interviewed also by a teacher!

Interviewee contact

If you have been interviewed at an event or school please contacting Christine James at christine.james@leadersaward.com Telephone number 01254 876598 website www.leadersaward.com this will enable us to forward you information should an interview be selected for a Special Award.

If you have any questions please email or phone – Many thanks.