



**THE TRI-ASSOCIATION**  
**THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS**  
OF CENTRAL AMERICA, COLOMBIA—CARIBBEAN AND MEXICO



### Purpose

This award is meant to promote the spirit of global awareness and responsibility by recognizing the work of a Middle School student or group of students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to environmental issues through their work on a school project that addresses an environmental problem. This award is sponsored by TieCare International. TieCare continues in its dedication to serving international schools by sponsoring the Tri-Association/TieCare International Global Leadership Award.

### Criteria

The project must show commitment to at least one program or initiative, which demonstrates exceptional leadership and involvement in an environmental cause.

- The project must show actions that have led to a greater awareness and understanding of a local or global problem, and have the potential to have a lasting impact towards the solution of the problem.
- The student(s) have to be in Middle School and belong to one of the Tri-Association Regular Member Schools in good standing.
- The Project must have operated for at least 1 year.
- The student(s) must be making an exemplary contribution through a school and/or school sponsored community service program, which has led to a positive local or global change by addressing an environmental challenge, thereby increasing the level of community awareness and setting an example for others. The student(s) must submit evidence of the positive impact of this project through data which shows the before and after, testimonials on the part of community members who have been affected by the project, or any other method that addresses how the situation or problem changed after the positive intervention on the part of the student or group. The project will be judged based on the evidence that is submitted.

### Eligibility

- There may be only one submission per member school each year.
- The project must be the work of the student(s).
- Student applicants must be in Middle School and must be able to clearly demonstrate the award criteria.

### Application Process

- Submission of the Tri-Association Global Leadership Application Form with a letter of recommendation on the part of the head of the school.
- A letter from the student or group of students explaining the project and why he/she/they think they deserve this award.
- Submission by the student or group of an electronic portfolio in English which clearly demonstrates the student's or group of students' exceptional achievement of the award criteria. The portfolio can take a wide variety of forms from an essay (5 pages maximum), video or documentary, to a work of art. Supplementary or supporting documentation may also be provided as evidence.
- Two confidential references written in English from either school faculty overseeing the project and/or adults from the organization in which the student served, attesting to the student(s)' exceptional involvement and accomplishments in light of the eligibility criteria.
- The award will go directly to the school for delivery to the project in the name of the student(s) involved. The recipients of the award will be recognized at the Annual Educator's Conference.

### Deadline

**The deadline for submission of all items is April 1.**

- All required items should be sent as email attachments to the Executive Director of the Association.

### Selection

The **Tri-Association Board** will select the award recipient(s). The winner(s) of the award will be announced in May. The school and student or group will be presented with the award at the Tri-Association Annual Educator's Conference.