



Volunteer to Judge

The Oracle Education Foundation is presently recruiting educators to serve as judges in the annual ThinkQuest International website building competition.

What is ThinkQuest?

Student teams of 3-6 members work collaboratively, under the guidance of a teacher coach to create educational websites and compete for exciting awards and prizes. The competition offers students and teachers an exceptional learning experience, building skills in research, writing, teamwork, technology and their chosen academic topic. The websites are published in the ThinkQuest Library, featuring over 6,500 websites created by students from around the world. To view examples of past entries and award winners, visit <http://www.thinkquest.org/library/>.

Why should I serve as a judge?

This is a unique volunteer opportunity to promote and support student-led academic projects and to recognize the hard work of student teams from around the world. Judges find the experience both interesting and rewarding. Some have even decided to promote ThinkQuest and serve as coaches. In fact, if you're interested in coaching, serving as a judge provides an invaluable initial experience.

How are the sites judged?

An online judging system allows judging to take place from any computer connected to the Internet. We ask that each judge score between 5-10 sites. Sites generally take 30-60 minutes to score. The teams' websites are scored based on the official [Evaluation Criteria](#).

Who can serve as a judge?

To serve as a ThinkQuest judge, volunteers must be:

- Currently employed as a teacher, or have a minimum of five years experience in the field of education;
- Proficient in the English language (all entries are judged in English);
- Able to evaluate and score websites based on the provided Evaluation Criteria, by having the necessary time and access to a computer and Internet connection during the judging period.

When does judging occur?

For ThinkQuest International 2008, judging begins **April 14, 2008** and concludes May 5, 2008.

- Judges who score a minimum of fifteen sites will be entered into a drawing to receive an **iPhone!**
- One top-performing judge will be selected to receive a **trip to ThinkQuest Live 2008!** We will look at several aspects of performance including the quality of feedback entered for each team, consistency of scoring and number of sites reviewed and scored.

How do I sign up?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a judge, please enroll at <http://www.thinkquest.org/judge/>. Thank you!