

# 12th edition of SAI Competition this week

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**April 5:** The twelfth edition of the 'Spreading the Light Through Human Values' Essay Writing and Poster Making Competition, an initiative supported by Oman's Ministry of Education, will take place in a number of cities this month. The annual event has been organised by the volunteer outfit, Serve And Inspire (SAI) Group, in line with its goal of supporting the character development of school children. The competition will be held on April 11 in Muscat, April 18 in Nizwa, Salalah and Sohar, and on April 25 in Sur and Buraimi.

The competition is open to students of primary and secondary schools — Omani Arabic, Omani Private (Bilingual, Monolingual and Global), Special Education and International Schools. Indian School Ghubra is the venue for the Muscat phase on April 11, while Indian Schools located in the other cities will host the local events on the respective days. Invitations and entry forms are being sent through the Ministry of Education to all schools, the organisers said in a press statement.

The topics which are common for both

the Poster Making and Essay Writing components are: Group A for students of Grades 1 to 3 — 'I love my garden'; Group B for Grades 4 to 6 — 'A good book is the best friend'; Group C for Grades 7 to 9 — 'Serve the society with modesty'; and Group D for Grades 9 to 12 — 'Blessed Oman -Beautiful Oman'. Participants will be given 90 minutes for Essay Writing and 120 minutes for Poster Making. The approximate word limit is 400 words for A and B groups and 700 words for C and D groups.

Each school can send a maximum of 40 students — 20 each for Essay Writing and Poster Making — at 5 per group. The schools can register the names of the participants via the website [www.saivaluesoman.org](http://www.saivaluesoman.org). The last date for registration is April 7.

Three prizes will be awarded in each group as well as in every category of schools, in each region. All participants will receive certificates through their respective schools.

The Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) programme, adopted in 165 countries around the world, focuses on character development in children by helping them to learn and practise universal human values.

