

Frequently Asked Questions - Moon Pod Essay Contest

Who can participate?

The contest is open to legal residents of the United States who are registered students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade attending a public, private, or home school in the United States (including U.S. Territories or Possessions and schools operated by the U.S. for the children of American personnel overseas).

Are participating students divided in age groups?

Yes. Entries will be divided in three groups for judging: Kindergarten to fourth grade; fifth to eight grade; and ninth to 12th grade.

May I send my essay via U.S. Mail?

No. Only entries submitted online at www.futureengineers.org are accepted. No exceptions.

I'm a minor. Can I enter the contest on my own?

Entrants at home must get a parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter. Entrants in class must be linked to their teacher's account to enter— either by entering a teacher's class code during registration or by your teacher registering for you.

I'm not a U.S. student, can I still get involved?

Yes, if you are 18+ years of age and a U.S. resident, you can participate by [judging essays](#).

One of my parents works for NASA. Am I eligible to participate?

Sorry, no. Children of NASA employees are not eligible. However, children of NASA contractors are eligible to enter, and grandchildren of NASA employees are eligible.

Can we enter the contest as a group/pair/team?

No. This is an individual essay contest and all essays must be written by one author.