

BATTELLE CLIMATE CHALLENGE RULES 2024-2025

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*****DEADLINE EXTENDED to February 17, 2025 at 8:59 PM PST*****

The Challenge:

If you are a 9-12th grade student in the United States, we want to hear your ideas for building a better future! Your challenge is to research past and future impacts of climate-related hazards in your community, including drought, wildfire, flooding, and extreme heat, then develop a proposed action to help build a more resilient community. Your entry must be original and include a title (max 50 characters), a written explanation of your proposed climate action (200 words max), and an image (max 3GB) of a “poster” that supports your climate action. The poster can be a digital design or a photo of a hand-made poster. Your climate action should explain at least one way your community can prevent, withstand, respond to, or recover from a climate-related event. Your entry should also address how you plan to make your solution a reality (ex. start an organization, a company or create/sell a product).

The grand prize winner will present their poster at the [Innovations in Climate Resilience Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. on April 21, and receive a \$5,000 STEM grant for a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school of their choice. The 2nd - 5th place finalists will receive a \$1,500 STEM grant for a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school of their choice.

Students are encouraged to use these five “steps to resilience” to guide their entry development process:

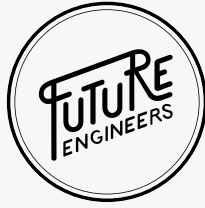
- **Understand Exposure & Climate Hazards** - What is the normal climate for your community? What is changing or likely to change in your local climate?
- **Assess Vulnerability & Risk** - What aspects of your community (e.g., roads, parks, schools, businesses) will be affected by a climate hazard?
- **Investigate Options** - Brainstorm potential actions to help build a more resilient community. Your climate action could be a technology solution, a change of behavior, a school or community program, a response plan, or more. Dream big - the possibilities are endless for a brighter future!
- **Prioritize & Plan** - Develop a plan to implement your proposed climate action. Your plan should be feasible and scalable within your community.
- **Take Action** - This student challenge is asking for proposed climate actions. Actual implementation of your proposed action will not be judged; however, we encourage students to take steps in your community, whether big or small, to make your climate action happen.

Your idea has the power to shape the future of your community! For ideas on different types of climate actions, refer to the [BRAINSTORM & DESIGN](#) section on the challenge site.

Your participation in this Challenge is governed not only by these Challenge Rules but also by the [GENERAL RULES](#), which are incorporated herein.



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Privacy Rules

Submissions will be reviewed for eligibility, compliance, privacy, and student safety prior to being displayed in the gallery. Entries that moderators find not to be compliant, for example that contain personal information may (but without obligation) be flagged for resubmission (or rejected if after the deadline).

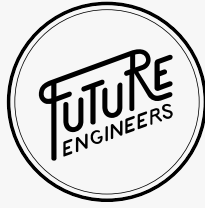
-  **NO NAMES OF PEOPLE!** Don't write your full name, or anyone else's full name in your entry. Factually referencing significant figures (e.g., a scientist, artist, or engineer) is OK in your essay.
-  **NO USERNAMES!** Don't submit a username from any site or platform.
-  **NO SCHOOL NAMES!** Don't submit your school name in your submission.
-  **NO FACES!** Don't include the face of yourself or others in your entry.
-  **NO CONTACT INFO!** Don't submit an address, email address, phone number, or any combination of information that could be used to identify or contact a student.

Who Can Enter

Legal residents of the United States who are registered students in ninth 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 eligible to enter (eligible "Participants"). Employees of Future Engineers ("Sponsor"), Battelle ("Challenge Parties") and their immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling, partners, and their respective spouses, and foster and step-relations) regardless of where they reside, or those living in the employee's same household (whether or not related) are not eligible to enter or win a prize.



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Submission Criteria

Submissions that violate the rules will be ineligible to win and may be flagged for resubmission.

Your Submission Must Include:

- IMAGE of your Poster
 - Max 3MB
 - File Formats: GIF, JPG/JPEG, PNG, or BMP, SVG
- TITLE of your Entry
 - Max 50 Characters
- TEXT DESCRIPTION explaining your proposed climate action
 - Max 200 words
- Do not upload content that infringes on the rights of others. Referencing common trade names **factually** in your description is OK.
- Keep it G-rated! No inappropriate content (as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion).
- ONE eligible entry per student. Team entries are NOT allowed. You may edit your submitted entry, but your last version of the submitted entry before the deadline will be judged.
- Your entry must be original and made by YOU.
- Your entry must not contain URLs that link to external sites, files, or videos such as Google Docs or YouTube.

Judging Criteria

The Judging Panel will score all eligible entries based on the following Judging Criteria (max score of 100 points):



25 POINTS

Originality of the proposed climate action

25 POINTS

Necessity of the proposed climate action

25 POINTS

Poster's ability to support the proposed climate action

25 POINTS

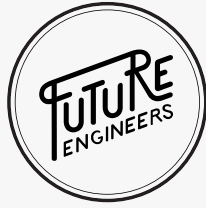
Potential for implementation of the climate action in your local community

Tie Break

In the event of a tie at any stage of judging, the tie will be broken amongst all tied entries by the highest score in the 'Necessity of the proposed climate action' category.



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Judging Criteria

As determined by the highest scores received from all eligible entries received, based on the Judging Criteria described above, ten (10) national semifinalists (“Semifinalists”) will be selected. From those Semifinalists, five (5) finalists will be selected (“Finalists”) based on the top 5 highest scores. Finalists will then be interviewed (in a virtual session) conducted by Battelle as provided herein, to select one (1) national overall Grand Prize winner and four (4) First Prize winners. Finalist Interviews will be conducted by Battelle virtually, last about 30 minutes, and consist of the finalists presenting and answering questions about their entry.

Finalists interviewed will be judged based on:

25 Points: Originality of the climate action

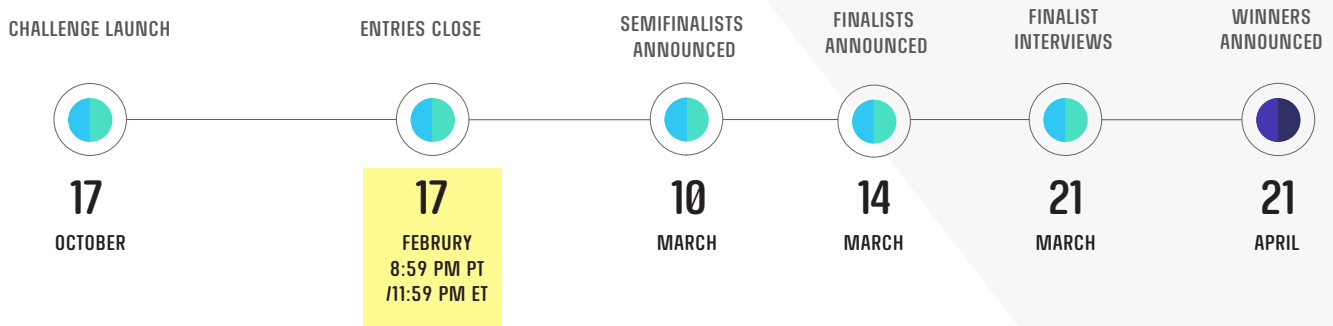
25 Points: Imminence or necessity of the climate action

25 Points: Poster’s ability to support the climate action

25 Points: Potential for implementation of the climate action in your local community

Program Dates

All entries must be received by: **February 17, 2025, 8:59 PM Pacific Time.** Parent consent must be received by the time requested and will be required from all Finalists engaging in the interview process, otherwise, entry will be disqualified, and entrant will be ineligible to further compete in the Challenge or win, as applicable. It is anticipated that Challenge dates/deadlines will be on or about as follows; however, all dates may be subject to change due to necessity of the circumstances, as determined by Sponsor in its sole and absolute discretion:



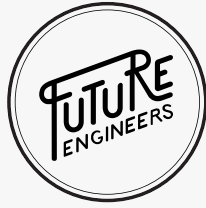
Prizes / Approximate Retail Value (“ARV”)

The following prizes are available to be awarded, subject to eligibility and compliance, as determined by Sponsor and Future Engineers in their absolute discretion:

- SEMIFINALIST PRIZES (10):** A sustainable prize pack (ARV: \$100 each)
- FINALIST PRIZES (4):** A \$1,500 STEM Grant donated to a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school of the winner’s choice (ARV: \$1,500). Grant recipient is subject to Battelle approval.



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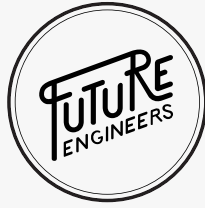
- GRAND PRIZE (1):** a \$5,000 STEM Grant donated to a U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school of the winner's choice (ARV: \$5,000. This is not a tax-deductible donation for winner.) Grant recipient is subject to Battelle approval. The Grand Prize winner will also receive: a 3-day/2-night trip for Grand Prize winner and one (1) parent/legal guardian ("guest") to Washington, D.C., (ARV up to a max value of USD \$2,000) to present their poster at a climate conference in Washington, D.C., anticipated to be held on or about April 21, 2025. Trip consists of: roundtrip air transportation (up to a max. value of USD\$2,000) for two people to/from a major gateway airport near winner's legal U.S. residence and Washington, D.C.; 2-nights hotel accommodations (standard room, double occupancy, room rate and tax included); ground transportation to/from airport to hotel, and to/from Washington, D.C. location and hotel (ARV of Trip: up to a max value of USD\$2,000). Sponsor will also provide up to a maximum amount of USD\$600 as part of the Grand Prize (in the form of a check, which may be used to offset taxes; however, offset amount will be determined by Sponsor based on actual value of prize awarded and does not discharge winner from making all required tax payments in full and fulfilling reporting obligations). (ARV of Grand Prize: up to USD\$2,600).

Further specifics and limitations with respect to the grand prize trip are provided in the [GENERAL RULES](#) and will also be provided in applicable winner release documentation. Blackout dates and restrictions apply. Actual value depends on winner's residence and other factors; any difference between actual and approximate value will not be awarded as cash or otherwise and Sponsor reserves the absolute right to limit particular elements of a prize. Prizes are subject to coordination with the Challenge Parties and any additional limitations and/or restrictions imposed by them as communicated in the winner release documents.

General Prize Terms: Limit one (1) prize at each prize level per person. Prizes must be accepted as a whole or will be forfeited in its entirety. Any and all applicable local, state, and federal taxes and all expenses not specifically stated herein are solely the responsibility of a winner (or their parent or legal guardian). Without limitation, Sponsor reserves the unfettered right NOT to award any prize, in whole or in part, if doing so may result in public disrepute, scandal, or may have a detrimental impact on Sponsor, the Challenge Parties, this Promotion, or any of Sponsor's or a Challenge Parties' public image, brand, products or services (as solely determined by Sponsor in its absolute discretion). Only the prizes as described are available to be awarded; in no event will Promotion Entities be responsible for awarding more or different prizes than stated herein. The Challenge Parties are not responsible if any event or activity associated with any prize is delayed, postponed, or canceled for any reason. A winner will not receive compensation from any of the Challenge Parties for any aspect of a prize that the winner is unable to use due to force majeure (including but not limited to the pandemic and effects therefrom) theft, misplacement, loss, damage, destruction (and such will not be replaced), or to delay or cancellation of an transportation, or any event or activity (but certain tickets may be subject to standard rain-check policies and procedures set by the issuer). Prizes cannot be assigned, transferred, or substituted, except by Sponsor who may, at its sole discretion, substitute a prize or any part thereof with a prize of equal or greater value. Prizes are not redeemable for cash; any difference between the actual value and ARV of the prize will not be awarded as cash, or otherwise.



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Prizes Continued

Future Engineers reserves the right to (i) select fewer Semifinalists, Finalists and/or Grand Prize winner (if there are insufficient eligible entries received) or (ii) to select more Semifinalists, Finalists, and/or Grand Prize winners, or (iii) to award additional prizes, or (iv) not award a prize, or to disqualify any Participant/entry at any time (and require immediate prize return, if applicable) if it determines or suspects that Participant/entry is ineligible, incomplete, non-compliant, or that awarding the prize to any such Participant might bring the Sponsor or Challenge Parties into public disrepute, scandal or contempt. If a Finalist and/or Grand Prize winner is disqualified for any reason, Future Engineers may award the prize to an alternate even if the disqualified person has already been notified or announced.

Potential Semifinalist Notification

The potential Semifinalists' parents or legal guardians will be notified via email, and they will be required to sign and return additional documents by a specified time, which may include:

Affidavit (or Declaration, as determined by Sponsor) of Eligibility, Liability and, where legal, Publicity Release and a Waiver Agreement ("Winner Release Documents"). Guest of grand prize winner must be the parent/adult legal guardian of winner will also be required to sign a Release of Liability and Publicity Release.

If any prize, prize notification, email or other communication is returned as undeliverable, or if a potential winner (at any level) cannot be reached after two (2) separate unsuccessful attempts by email or phone, refuses the prize, or fails to properly sign and return all Releases within the time period requested, or if a potential Semifinalist or their entry is found to be ineligible, the potential Semifinalist may be disqualified. The next highest scoring entry (for the applicable prize level) may be selected as an alternate and notified, time permitting.

Ownership and Public Licensing

Entries may be displayed in a moderated public gallery. Please refer to the [GENERAL RULES](#) and [TERMS OF SERVICE](#) for licensing details. Depiction in the gallery shall not be deemed a representation of an entries' ranking, score, or eligibility for the Challenge.

Sponsor and Challenge Parties:

Sponsor:

Future Engineers LLC, 177 E. Colorado Blvd Suite 200, Pasadena, CA 91105

Challenge Parties:

Battelle, 505 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

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