

## **Battelle Climate Challenge FAQs**

<https://www.futureengineers.org/battelleclimatechallenge>

### **What is the Battelle Climate 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, 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 sell a product).

### **Who can enter?**

- Individual ninth to twelfth grade students 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 US personnel overseas. For all eligibility requirements, please refer to the [rules](#).

### **Can homeschool or after school program students participate?**

- Yes. Any 9-12 student in the U.S. can participate in this contest.

### **What’s the Timeline for the Battelle Climate Challenge?**

- Contest Launch: October 17, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET
- Entries Close: February 17, 2025, 11:59 PM ET
- Semifinalists Announcement: March 11, 2025
- Finalists Announcement: March 13, 2025
- Finalists Interview: March 21, 2025
- Grand Prize Winner Announcement: April 21, 2025

### **What are the prizes?**

- Ten national semifinalists will win a sustainable prize pack (ARV: \$100). Four finalists will win a \$1,500 STEM grant to their chosen school, library, or educational organization. One national grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 STEM grant to their chosen U.S. nonprofit organization, public library, or public school and will present their project at the ICR25 Conference in Washington, D.C.

### **Can I send my entry via U.S. Mail?**

- No. Only entries submitted online at [www.futureengineers.org](http://www.futureengineers.org) are accepted. No exceptions.

### **I’m a minor. Can I enter the contest on my own?**

- 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. If you are

not participating with a teacher and are a minor, you must get a parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter.

**Can one entry be submitted by a team of students?**

- No. This is an individual contest.

**Can I submit more than one entry?**

- No. You may only submit one entry for the Battelle Climate Challenge; however, you are welcome to edit your entry until the contest deadline on February 7, 2025. Your last submitted entry is the one that will be considered the final entry.

**How and when do I submit my entry?**

- Please log into your Future Engineers account, go to your dashboard or to the Battelle Climate Challenge page, and submit your entry on or before February 7, 2025. For more detailed instructions, refer to the [How to Submit](#) help article.

**How are the entries judged?**

- A panel of judges will review eligible entries based on the following criteria.
  - 25 Originality of the proposed climate action
  - 25 Necessity of the proposed climate action
  - 25 Poster's ability to support the proposed climate action
  - 25 Potential for implementation of the climate action in your local community

**Is this Contest open to International Participants?**

- No. This contest is only open to students in the United States and its territories.

**Do I need to get parent signatures for students to participate?**

- Parent signatures are not required to enter the contest; however, the potential winners' 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 an Affidavit (or Declaration, as determined by Sponsor) of Eligibility, Liability and, where legal a Publicity Release.

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

- No, children of Battelle employees are not eligible to enter.