

## THE FUTURE CREATURES CHALLENGE RULES

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### The Challenge:

If you are a K-12 student in the United States, your challenge is to pick a vertebrate animal living in a tropical rainforest and draw/illustrate/predict how it may look in the future due to long term effects of climate change (think thousands of years ... or more!). Please consider habitat changes due to rising temperatures and rising seas, and animal adaptations needed to survive, such as camouflage, defense, eating food, and/or how it moves. Some possible habitat changes to consider are: Inland rainforests that become savannas (rolling grasslands with scattered trees & shrubs) or inland rainforests that become mixed woodlands (low density forest with shrubs and trees), or coastal rainforests that become marshes/seasonal wetlands or become completely underwater. Your entry should provide at least two illustrations - one of your animal in its present habitat and one as an adapted animal in its predicted future habitat. Also submit a short essay (max 1500 characters) to explain your illustrations. (You may not choose humans as your animal.) Be sure to review the **CONTEST RULES** and **DESIGN GUIDELINES**, including the student privacy rules, such as: No personal names and faces in your entry! Go wild... and good luck!

### Who Can Enter

Students in Grades Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade attending a public, private, or home school in the United States, including schools in the 50 US States and DC, US territories and US soil abroad.

### Privacy Rules

Submissions will be reviewed for online privacy and student safety prior to being displayed in the gallery. Entries that moderators find to have personal information will be flagged for resubmission (or rejected if after the deadline).

- **NO NAMES OF PEOPLE!** Don't write or show your first and last name, or anyone else's name in your text, title, or images. Referencing historical figures is OK in your description if needed to explain your design.
- **NO FACES!** Don't include people's faces in your images or photos. Blurred/obscured faces (i.e. goggles & hat) are fine.
- No email addresses, phone numbers, mailing addresses, faces, voices, or other personally identifiable information.

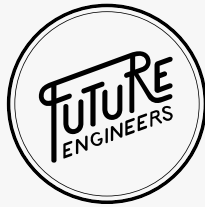
### Challenge Rules Summary

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

- All submissions must be 100% made by YOU and/or the students on your team.
- Your Submission Must Include:
  - **ILLUSTRATIONS** of your CREATURE
    - Up to 6 illustrations (Refer to the Design Guidelines for more detail.)
    - GIF, PNG, JPG/JPEG, BMP, or SVG
    - Max 3 MB each
  - **NAME** of your FUTURE CREATURE
    - Max 30 Characters
  - **TEXT DESCRIPTION** of your CREATURE's adaptations
    - Max 1500 Characters
- **ONE** eligible entry - either as an INDIVIDUAL or as part of a TEAM with up to 4 team members. You may edit your entry, but your last submitted entry before the deadline will be judged.
- No corporate names, brand names, logos, or otherwise trademarked items in your title, video, or thumbnail photo. Referencing common trade names factually in your description is OK if needed to explain your design. (Like velcro, for example.)



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### Judging Criteria

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



**25 POINTS**

Description of Your Present Creature

**25 POINTS**

Description of Your Future Creature

**25 POINTS**

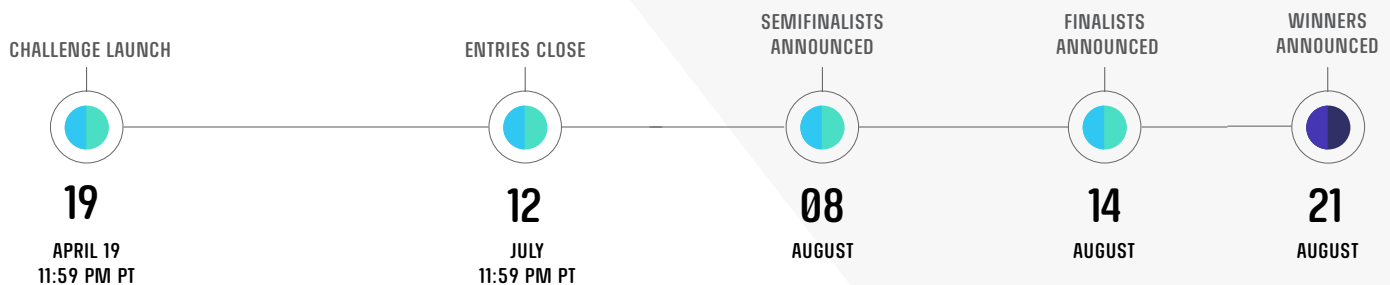
Visual Communication of Your Present Creature in its Habitat

**25 POINTS**

Visual Communication of Your Future Creature in its Habitat

### Program Dates

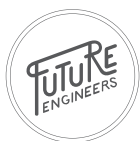
All entries must be received by: **JULY 12, 2019, 11:59 PM Pacific time**. For class challenge participants: Parent consent must be received by the deadline. Otherwise, it will be an educational entry and not eligible to win.



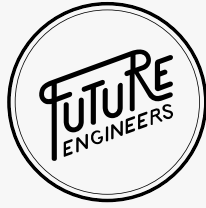
### Winners and Honorees

- TEN SEMIFINALISTS**  
Judged on the uploaded entry, the 10 entries with the highest score based on the Judging Criteria described below will be selected as prospective semifinalists and vetted for eligibility, then announced.
- FOUR FINALISTS**  
Of the 10 semifinalists, the Judging panel will again apply the Judging Criteria described below and the 4 entries with the highest score will be selected as finalists, then announced.
- ONE WINNER**  
Of the 4 finalists, the Judging panel will again apply the Judging Criteria described below, and one winner will be selected and announced.

Future Engineers reserves the right to (i) select fewer semifinalists, finalists and/or winners (if there is not enough eligible entries received) or (ii) to select more semifinalists, finalists, and/or winners or (iii) to award additional prizes. If a semifinalist, finalist and/or winner is disqualified for any reason, Future Engineers may award the prize to an alternate even if the disqualified person has already been announced.



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### Semifinalist, Finalist, and Grand Prizes



#### AMAZON GIFT CARD

One winner or winning team will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card per team member



#### ENDANGERED ANIMAL ADOPTION

Future Engineers will adopt an endangered animal species with the WWF on behalf each finalist team member



#### Future Engineers Tee

Ten finalists will win a Future Engineers t-shirt per team member

### Design Ownership and Public Licensing

In addition to the terms of the Official Rules, all entries will be displayed in a public gallery and will be licensed publicly as:

[Attribution - NonCommercial - ShareAlike](#)

4.0 International (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

### Potential Semifinalist Notification

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

Information and Publicity Release, Affidavit of Eligibility, and/or Media Release

If any email is returned as undeliverable, or if a potential semifinalist cannot be reached after a maximum of two (2) attempts by email or phone or fails to properly sign and return all releases within the time period requested, or if a potential semifinalist is found to be ineligible, the potential semifinalist will be disqualified. The next highest scoring entry will be notified, time permitting.

### Tie Break

In the event of a tie at any stage of judging, 'Description of Your Future Creature' will be used as the tie-breaker. If a further tie-break is needed, 'Visual Communication of Your Future Creature in its Habitat' will be used as a tie-breaker.

**GOOD LUCK!**



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