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 the long-term effects of environmental change (think thousands of years ... or more!). Please consider habitat changes due to rising temperatures, rising seas, pollution, habitat loss, 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), coastal rainforests that become marshes/seasonal wetlands or become completely underwater and habitat fragmentation (big natural areas getting broken up into smaller areas). Your entry should provide at least two illustrations - one of your animal in its present habitat and one as an adapted animal in the predicted future habitat. Also, submit a short essay (max 150 words) to explain your illustrations. You are not allowed to choose humans as your animal.

Who Can Enter

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 eligible to enter (eligible "Participants").

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 ADDRESSES! Don't tell us where you live or upload a photo with your address shown.
- NO SCHOOL NAMES! Don't include your school name or class 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.
- NO USERNAMES! Please don't submit a username from any platform.

Submission Criteria

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

- 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
  - SHORT DESCRIPTION about your CREATURE'S adaptations
    - Max 150 Words
- Your entry must be original and 100% created by YOU. Adults may assist younger students with typing the online submission, but the entry must be the **student's** own creative, original work.
- Keep it G-rated! No inappropriate content (as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion).
- Do not upload content that infringes on the rights of others. Referencing common trade names **factually** in your description is OK.
- 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 not use, copy, incorporate or otherwise plagiarize from any third-party source, this includes without limitation any material created in whole or in part by artificial intelligence.
- Your entry must not contain URLs that link to external sites, files, or videos such as Google Docs or YouTube. Citing general sources such as "NASA" or "Space.com" is OK if it is intended to identify a source, not provide additional content.

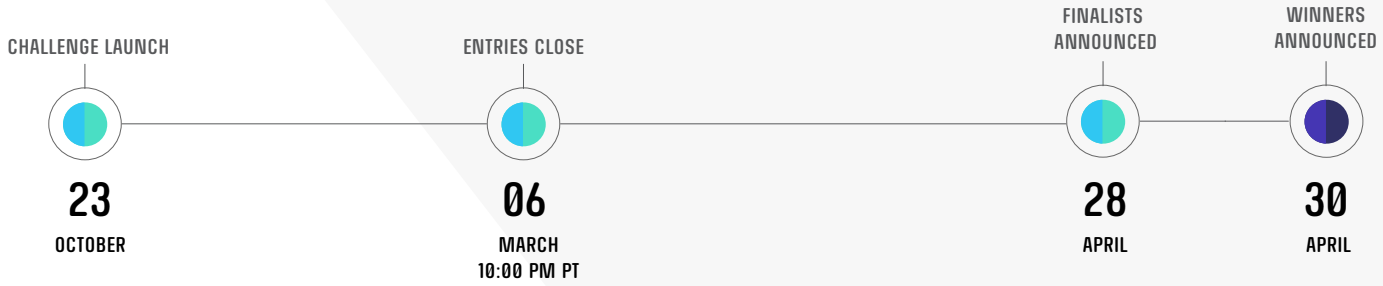
Judging Criteria

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 March 6, 2026, 10:00 PM Pacific time. Parent consent must be received by the time requested, otherwise participant will be deemed ineligible to win. 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.



Winners and Honorees

There are 3 seperate grade Categories (Grades K-5; Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12) each is a separate "Category".

- TWELVE (12) FINALISTS
  Judged on the uploaded entry, 12 entries (4 from each Grade Category) with the highest score based on the Judging Criteria will be selected as prospective finalists and vetted for eligibility, then announced.

- THREE (3) WINNERS
  Of the 12 finalists (4 from each grade Category), the Judging panel will again apply the Judging Criteria described below, and three grand prize winners (1 from each grade Category) will be selected and announced.

Future Engineers reserves the right to (i) select fewer finalists and/or winners (if there is not enough eligible entries received) or (ii) to select more finalists, and/or winners or (iii) to award additional prizes. If a 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.

Finalist and Grand Prizes

- GRAND PRIZE (3)
  One winning student from each Grade Category (3 total) will win a $50 Amazon gift card and Future Engineers will adopt an endangered animal species via the World Wildlife Fund on their behalf ($110 value).

- FINALISTS (12)
  Four finalists in Grade Category (12 total) will win a Future Engineers T-Shirt ($25 value).

Potential Finalist Notification

The potential finalists' 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").

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 finalist or their entry is found to be ineligible, the potential finalist may be disqualified. The next highest scoring entry (for the applicable prize level) may be notified, time permitting.

Tie Break

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

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.

GOOD LUCK!