



Inspire the Future: Be a National Finals Judge

What is the Future City Competition?

40,000 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 work in teams with their engineer mentor and educator to imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Along the way, they learn about engineering and city planning, develop writing and public speaking skills, and apply math and science to real world issues.

During the competition, student teams:

1. Design a city using SimCity software.
2. Write a research essay describing their solution to the annual question.
3. Write a narrative describing their city.
4. Build a physical model of their city with at least one moving part, using recycled materials.
5. Present their city to a panel of judges.

We Need Judges for the National Finals!

We'll provide assessment tools (called rubrics) and electronic score sheets. You can choose to judge any of the following categories:

Virtual City Designs (4 hours from your home or office)

Are you familiar with SimCity? Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that you can do from your home or office? Being a Virtual City Design Judge is perfect for you! You'll receive eight to ten city designs in mid/late January and will have until early February to evaluate them.

City Narratives & Research Essays (4 hours from your home or office)

Are you curious how students imagine the future? What solutions will they come up with as they take on this year's challenge of designing an urban farm that can produce enough of one protein and one vegetable to feed the residents of their city?

As a City Narrative and Research Essay judge, you'll read six to seven city narratives and research essays where students describe their city, outline their solution and describe how it works. You'll receive the essays in mid/late January and will have until early February to evaluate them.

City Models and Team Presentations (Monday, February 16th 2015 from 7:30am to 2:30pm)

Are you looking for a chance to see tomorrow's leaders in action? As a preliminary judge, you and your fellow judges will see six or seven teams present their city's unique features, learn how they came up with their ideas, and have a chance to ask questions. Preliminary judging for the 2015 Future City National Finals will be held at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street NW, Washington, DC, 20036 on Monday, February 16, 2015 from 7:30am-2:30pm.

Volunteer Today!

Visit futurecity.org/register and select "National Competition Judge."

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