



Challenge Checklist & Winning Tips



Use this checklist to track your progress toward being ready to submit your entry!

- Our team includes 1-3 students and everyone is between the ages of 10-15 years old (grades 5-9).
- Our entry identifies a biodiversity issue that can be found in our community or region.
- Our entry proposes a solution to preserve, protect, and/or repair biodiversity.
- Our entry contains our original ideas and work.
- We have reviewed the [scoring rubric](#) to make sure our idea fits the criteria required for a successful submission.
- We have reviewed the [contest rules](#) with our adult mentor and/or parent/guardian to be sure that our entry is eligible.
- Every team member has a completed and signed [parent/guardian permission form](#), ready to be uploaded.
- An adult mentor, over the age of 21 years old, is submitting this entry on behalf of our team.

All entries must be submitted by April 22, 2021, 11:59 PM Eastern.

10 finalist teams will be chosen and notified by May 7, 2021.

If your entry is selected and your team is chosen as one of the top 10 finalist teams, you will be expected to develop a presentation and do some preliminary work on your proposed project for a final virtual judging.

Your team will have from May 7 - June 4, 2021 to draft a final presentation that may include a prototype of your proposed solution. Your presentation will also include a budget and timeline for completion. Samples and templates to assist in creating the final presentation, budget, and timeline will be provided for all finalist teams once they are announced.

Your team must create and submit a recording of your final presentation, including any supplemental materials, no later than June 4, 2021. Finalist teams will meet virtually with an expert panel of judges on June 10, 2021 for a question and answer session about their entry based on your recorded presentation.

All team members and mentors must be available to virtually join the Final Event on June 11, 2021, where the winners will be announced to a LIVE virtual audience by EarthEcho founder, Philippe Cousteau. The top three teams will receive \$1,000 for third place, \$2,000 for second place, and \$5,000 for the Grand Prize!

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