



# US OurEcho Challenge Checklist & Winning Tips



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

- My team includes 1-3 students and everyone is between the ages of 13-16.
- 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](#) to be sure that our entry is eligible.

All entries must be submitted by April 26, 2024, by 11:59 PM ET / 10:59 PM CT / 9:59 PM MT / 8:59 PM PT / 5:59 PM HT. Up to 10 US finalist teams will be chosen and notified by mid May 2024.

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

- Join a virtually meeting on [May 21, 2024](#) to learn more about expectations and next steps.
- Finalist teams must film and produce a 1-minute video describing your project, due no later than [June 5, 2024](#).
- Finalist teams must create and submit a recording of a final project presentation, including any supplemental materials, no later than [June 19, 2024](#). The final presentation may include a prototype of your proposed solution. The presentation must also include a budget and timeline for completion.

*NOTE: Samples and templates to assist in creating the team video, final presentation, budget, and timeline will be provided for all finalist teams during the required meeting on May 21, 2024.*

Finalist teams will meet virtually with an expert panel of judges on [June 27, 2024](#) for a question and answer session about their entry based on your team video and recorded presentation.

All team members and mentors must be available to virtually join the Final Event on [July 2, 2024](#), where the winners will be announced by EarthEcho founder, Philippe Cousteau.

The top US teams will receive \$1,000 for third place, \$2,500 for second place, and \$5,000 for the Grand Prize!

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