



2019 Judge Role Descriptions

Virtual City Slideshows (2 hours per Submission from your home or office) (December 8 – December 29)

Score the slideshows submitted by Teams summarizing their Virtual City, created using SimCity software. An example of the slideshow is on the Judges Information page - "Virtual City Submittal Example". Each judge will be assigned 2 to 4 submissions depending on the number of judges who sign up for this role. Each submittal takes approximately 2 hours to judge. There is a tutorial for judging the submittals created by National on the Judge Information page - "Virtual City Judging Instructions". The Virtual City grading rubric is also on the Judge Information page - "Virtual City Grading Rubric". Input the scores for the slideshows into CMS when you are finished.

City Essay (1 hour per Submission from your home or office) (December 19 – January 8)

Score the city essays submitted by Teams describing their city, focusing on the theme for this year. In a 1,500-word essay, students describe their city, outline their solution and describe how it works. Each judge will be assigned 2 to 4 submissions depending on the number of judges who sign up for this role. Each submittal takes approximately 1 hour to judge. Follow along with the "City Essay Grading Rubric" (on the Judge Information page) as you're grading the essays and input the scores into CMS when you are finished.

Competition Day – Preliminaries - City Model and City Presentation (January 12, 2019 from 7:15am to 12:00pm)

As a preliminary judge, you will be assigned to a judging team with 2 or 3 fellow judges. You and your fellow judges will see three or four teams present their city's unique features, learn how they came up with their ideas, and have a chance to ask questions. You will have some down time to see all the models, talk with your fellow judges, etc. There will be breakfast and lunch provided for you. A minimum of 60 judges are needed for the morning session.

Competition Day – Finals – City Model and City Presentation (January 12, 2019 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm)

During the competition Finals, the top 5 teams will give their City Presentation on the main stage and discuss their City Model backstage immediately following the presentation. Five (5) City Presentation judges are needed to watch the final 5 presentations, ask the team presenters questions on the main stage, and submit a City Presentation Grading Rubric. Five (5) City Model judges are needed to discuss the City Model with the team presenters backstage immediately after the presentation and submit a City Model Grading Rubric. A total of 10 finals judges are needed. It is preferable that finals judges participate in the preliminary (morning) session but it is not required if they have previous FCC judging experience.



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Competition Day – Special Awards (January 12, 2019 from 7:15am to 12:00pm)

Each Special Award judge will have 1 category assigned to them (you will pick the category you want on competition day). The categories are: *General Transportation, Innovative Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy, Planning, Architecture, and Environmental*. There are 5 to 6 related awards within each category; we will send you a list of awards and descriptions. We have asked each school to fill out a "Special Awards Form" where the schools rated the categories they were strongest in or most desired an award. From this "Special Awards Form" we (Heather and Amanda) will nominate 10 teams for consideration in each category, each team will be considered for 2 award categories. Each of you will only be required to visit 10 teams to evaluate in your award category. After you've visited your 10 teams, you can visit other teams if you have time before 11am. At 11am, all of you will convene in the Main Judge Room to determine the awards assigned to each team. The hope is each school team will receive one award from one of the two award categories they were considered for.

More details will be released on the specifics of each role as Competition Day gets closer. If at any time you have questions about the judging roles or which one will be best suited for you, please reach out to your Judge Coordinators (Amanda Joy and Heather Wyld) at fcc.albany.judge@outlook.com