



Inspire the Future: Be a Future City Judge

What is the Future City Competition?

40,000 students around the world in grades 6, 7, and 8 work in teams with a STEM 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. Learn city design and management using SimCity software.
2. Write an essay about their city's attributes and solution to the annual challenge.
3. Complete a project plan to help them organize their project.
4. Build a model of their city using recycled materials and featuring a moving part.
5. Present their city to a panel of judges.

We Need Judges for the 2018 Finals!

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

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

Looking for a volunteer opportunity you can do from your home or office? Be a Virtual City Judge and see how students developed their virtual cities to progress towards two goals of their own choosing. You'll evaluate their progress and the learning outcomes they achieved. You'll receive seven to nine short slideshows in mid/late January and will have until mid-February to evaluate them.

City Essays (4 hours from your home or office)

Are you curious how students imagine the future? What will they come up with as they take on this year's Age-Friendly City challenge to design innovative solutions that allow their city's senior citizens to stay active and independent?

As a City Essay judge, you'll read six to seven 1,500-word 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 mid-February to evaluate them.

City Models and Team Presentations (Monday, February 19, 2018 from 7:30am to 2:00pm)

Here's your chance to see tomorrow's leaders in action! In this role, you and your fellow judges will see five or six teams present their city's unique features, learn how they came up with their ideas, and have a chance to ask questions. Judging will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington (400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001) on Monday, February 19, 2018 from 7:30am-2:00pm.

Volunteer Today!

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

Questions? Contact Jake Williams, Future City Program Coordinator
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Please share this opportunity with a friend or colleague!