

Contest Timeline

Read the Official Rules and check out the 2024–2025 Contest Timeline for more details on each phase of the contest.

Entry Phase



TEACHERS ENTER THE CONTEST

Aug. 27 - Oct. 24

Teachers apply to the contest by submitting the virtual application form describing their students' project due Oct. 24. Visit our [about page](#) for more

Phase 1



STATE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Dec. 3 - Jan. 9

Judges will evaluate the application forms and announce up to 300 State Finalists. State Finalists will be selected to receive a \$2,500 prize package of Samsung products to be distributed by Samsung.

Phase 2



STATE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Jan. 28 - Mar. 6

Judges will evaluate the application forms and announce up to 50 State Winners. State Winners will be selected to receive a \$12,000 prize package of Samsung products, plus a \$2,000 Samsung video kit for the video portion of their project, to be distributed by Samsung. A Samsung employee mentor will be assigned to the team at this stage. See Official Rules for details.

Phase 3



NATIONAL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Mar. 18

Judges will evaluate video submissions and announce the 10 National Finalists that will move forward in the competition. National Finalists receive a \$50,000 prize package in Samsung technology and classroom materials to be redeemed via [DonorsChoose.org](#).



COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYEE CHOICE VOTING

Mar. 18 - April 21

The public will vote for their favorite projects from the top ten National Finalists on social media from Mar. 18 – Apr. 21. One Community Choice Winner and one Employee Choice Winner will be announced at the National Winner reveal.

Phase 4



FINAL JUDGING EVENT

Apr. 28 & 29

The top ten National Finalists will pitch to a panel of judges. At the end of the event, judges will announce one Community Choice Winner, one Employee Choice Winner, one Sustainability Innovation Award Winner, one rising Entrepreneurship Award Winner, and three National Winners.