



Challenge Checklist & Winning Tips



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

- Our team consists of 1-3 students, all of whom are between the ages of 10 and 15 years old (grades 5 - 9).
- Our entry identifies a biodiversity issue that is local to our community or region.
- Our entry proposes a solution to preserve, protect, and/or repair biodiversity.
- Team's entry contains our original ideas and work.
- We have reviewed the scoring rubric to make sure our idea aligns to criteria required for a successful submission.
- We have reviewed the contest rules with an adult to ensure we are submitting a qualifying entry.
- Every team member has a completed and signed parent/guardian permission form, ready to be uploaded.
- An adult, over the age of 21 years old, is submitting this entry on behalf of our team.

All entries must be submitted by April 21, 2020, 11:59 PM Eastern.
10 finalist teams will be chosen and notified by May 4, 2020.

If your team is selected as one of the top 10 finalist teams, you will be expected to continue work on your proposed project for a final presentation in Washington, DC, on Saturday, August 8, 2020. The 10 finalist teams will have from May - July to draft a final presentation and/or prototype of the proposed projects. During this development time period, each finalist team will receive a \$500 stipend to help cover the cost of supplies and resources needed to create the final presentation and/or prototype.

Each team, and their mentor, will travel to Washington, DC, to join EarthEcho's annual Youth Leadership Summit, during which the final OurEcho Challenge event will take place. Travel, meal and lodging expenses for team members and their mentor and will be covered by EarthEcho.

The final event will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2020, with travel dates on August 7 and August 9, 2020. Each finalist team member and their mentor will travel to the final event where they will present their proof-of-concept presentation to compete for the winning prizes: **First Prize: \$10,000.00** ◆ **Second Prize: \$5,000.00** ◆ **Third Prize: \$2,000.00**

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