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FCC NTX - Last Call for Essays

All:

FINAL DEADLINE FOR CITY ESSAYS is Friday, 4 December. Upload through the Team Center, www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html. Note: not submitting an essay won't disqualify your team – you can continue with the project under the "partial participation" option.

MODELS – Hopefully, you are already hard at work on your models. Deadline for submitting the Model Slideshow is 18 December. And, to try and help with the uncertainty of the situation we find ourselves in, we are giving you almost a month - until 15 January - to turn in the slideshow (with a few points deducted as a late penalty).

Remember, the model is a futuristic representation of your city. And, as I mentioned in the 12 Nov update, you have a choice: you can build a single city model (as we have in the past) or you can build multiple model sections. The sections don't need to fit together physically. So, if your classes are having to work remotely – if your team members are having to work separately – each team member can contribute a piece of the model.

Choose an appropriate scale for your model (or model section) so that you can display the areas of the city that you want the judges to evaluate. And, remember that the scale needs to apply horizontally and vertically. See the recorded webinar, Model Slideshow, on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCacW1hQSPrW-wSotEbDlasQ>, and look for pictures of models on the website.

You will be submitting a slideshow file of pictures and descriptions of your model. **MAKE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE** from <http://futurecity.org/resources> (under "competition forms").

PRESENTATIONS – Begin planning for your presentations. You will have 7 minutes to present your city to the judges via a recorded video. Three students will be presenting the design – using the model (sections) as an aid. You can view presentations by National Finalists online at <http://futurecity.org/gallery> - filter on "City Presentations" and "National" region, "Any Year," "National Winner."

AND AFTER THE PRESENTATION – THE Q&A – An important part of the Future City Competition is the opportunity for the students to interact with the professionals (our judges). This year we are accomplishing that through a live Q&A session via web conferencing. For NTX region, this is scheduled for 30 January.

There will also be a live Q&A for the teams with the Special Awards judges – we are scheduling these discussions for the week earlier: 23 January.

Finally, there will be the regional finals – where the top 4-6 teams will meet with the finals judges for a Q&A session on 6 February.

I will be contacting you soon about the process for handling both of the live Q&A sessions.

Thank you all for your patience as we try to work this out. Good luck and keep working!

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