

15 December 2020

FCC NTX Update: Model Slideshow due, Video Presentation next

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MODEL SLIDESHOW DUE FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER (initial due date)

The first deadline for the Model slideshow is Friday, 18 December. Late submissions are acceptable (for the next month) through 15 January with a penalty. -5 points for files received 19 Dec-8 Jan. -10 points for files received 9 Jan-15 Jan.

Upload .pdf files through the Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html).

VIDEO PRESENTATION IS NEXT DELIVERABLE – due 15 Jan

For this year's virtual competition, the team will record and upload a 7 minute (max) video team presentation. Three students make up the team (No more than three students. Fewer students are permissible, but will lose a point or two on the rubric under the "teamwork" category.)

The primary visual aid should be the model (segments). Other visual aids are allowed (see rules) – but make sure they are clear, recognizable and understandable on your video. Any additional visual aids, costumes, and props used in the presentation video need to be included in the team's expenses.

Students can record the presentation together as a team. Or, if working remotely, can record a video-conference (e.g., Zoom) as their presentation. Or they can record separate segments and used video editing to splice together a complete presentation. Scores will be based on content rather than video effects. And, no copyrighted materials are allowed (including music, photos, or video clips). Note: the students should be doing all the work of recording and editing.

Upload the video to a publically accessible site – such as YouTube and enter the url into the FCC system.

Note: 15 Jan is the initial due date. You have until 22 Jan to upload the video (url) with a small point deduction for late submission.

Presentation resources:

- Presentation tips: student handout (<https://futurecity.org/presentation-tips>)
- NTX presentation resources and videos:
http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#more.
- Presentations by National Finalists online at <http://futurecity.org/gallery> - filter on "City Presentations" and "National" region, "Any Year," "National Winner."

HEADS UP – many things are due in January. Consult the schedule:

http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html for the complete list.

These items include: Project Plan and Expense Form. The Honor Statement and Media Waiver will be online forms – no word yet on the schedule, but it will be January.

SPECIAL AWARDS JUDGING – will be 23 January. I will be in touch with you shortly on the process we will use for this year’s judging. It will include a Q&A session on the 23rd. And, we will be asking teams to sign up for a limited number of award categories they want to enter. Note: the students involved in the Special Awards Q&A do not need to be the same three from the video presentation.

NTX REGIONAL Q&A JUDGING – will be 30 January. Again, I will be sending you the process we will use for scheduling the Q&A sessions shortly. Please check your email over the Winter break for any updates. This will be a 10-15 minute Zoom session with the judges. Student teams should plan on having their model (segments) and visual aids for demonstration during the Q&A. Note: again, the three students for the Q&A do not need to be the same three from the video presentation.

You’ll probably be hearing from me a lot in the next few weeks. But, let me take this opportunity to wish you happy holidays and a safe and profitable new year. And, hopefully, a return to a normal routine.

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