

8 November 2019

FCC Jr Update - Entering Teams, Essay deadline

All:

Registration has closed for the Future City competitions. We have 28 schools signed up for the Junior competition here in North Texas! (Wow – almost doubling last year’s registration.) You can see the list online at the Junior Team Center: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html.

On that website you will also find the Future City Junior Overview Description (you should also have received those in a previous email), the specific rules and rubrics for the Essay and Model, the schedule and resources for helping with the project.

TEAM CENTER: ENTER TEAMS AND REGISTER MENTORS

If you haven’t already done so, log into the online Team Center and enter your teams ... it will help us with facilities planning since we have a record number of schools enrolled this year. Also, you will need to do this before you can submit any deliverables. Note: team names must be unique – you will get an error message if the team name has already been used.

Also, please make sure to include your mentors in the team information and/or ask them to enroll themselves in the system:

<https://secure.futurecity.org/NorthTXJunior/MentorBin/Mentor/Enroll>. We will add them to the distribution for information and updates.

LETTER TO PARENTS – I have posted a letter for educators to print and send to parents of the student competitors explaining the FC Junior program and timeline. You can download it from the Junior Team Center Resources section.

DELIVERABLE #1: RESEARCH ESSAY – DUE 29 NOVEMBER

The essay deadline is 29 November. You can submit it late (by 20 Dec) with a few points deducted. Schedule is online in the Junior Team Center.

Essay topic: Clean Water: Tap into Tomorrow. See the Junior Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) for a description of this deliverable and download the complete Rules and Rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrEssayReq20.pdf>).

Resources to help you develop the essay include (see:

http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html#resources)

1. Webinar on essay topic (<https://youtu.be/n4R6MCDaOhI>)
2. Essay references and links
3. Copies of best essays from past Jr Competitions on

MODELS:

Get a head start on collecting your building materials – have students, parents and advisors collect recyclable items and interesting pieces for use in the model. You will want to have a good selection of various sized pieces to work with.

See the Junior Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) for a description of the model deliverable and download the complete Rules and Rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrModelReq20.pdf>).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Eric Robinson.

Good luck to all the teams – we're looking forward to seeing your future cities!

Jean Eason
NTX Regional Coordinator
Future City Competition
www.dfwfuturecity.org, regional@dfwfuturecity.org