

Enter the competition.

What to expect, how to enter, how to win.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

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If you're 15–19 and in full-time secondary education, yes. You can enter solo or with a team of up to four. Teammates can be from your school or different schools.

PICK A BRIEF

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Browse 40+ categories at schoolsummit.com/categories. They're grouped into seven pillars: Sustainability, STEM, Society, Enterprise, Arts, Health and Wildcard. Pick the one that fires you up.

MAKE SOMETHING

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Three submission elements: (1) a pitch deck (template included), (2) a 60-second video, (3) a short written entry (template included). You can be more ambitious than the templates — they're a floor, not a ceiling.

SUBMIT BEFORE THE DEADLINE

Submit before the deadline

Upload through the platform. Your Teacher Champion approves the final submission. Late entries are not accepted.

SHOWCASE

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Shortlist is published. Finalists are invited to the National Final to pitch live in front of industry judges and audience.

WHAT YOU WIN

What you win

- Category trophy and Hall of Fame induction for category winners.
- Pillar Award for outstanding entries across a strategic pillar.
- National Champion title and prize package for the single top entry of the cycle.

- Direct introductions to category sponsors — mentorship, internships and opportunities.
- Founding Innovator credential for every entrant in the 2026 cycle.

HOW JUDGING WORKS

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Independent industry judges score against a public rubric: originality, feasibility, impact, presentation and team. Judges declare conflicts of interest. You can see the rubric in advance — it's published at schoolsummit.com/judges and included in this pack.

TIPS FROM THE TEAM

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- Start with the problem, not the solution. Judges look for entries where you can clearly explain who you're helping and why.
- Be honest about what you've built and what's still to come. Prototypes are welcome.
- Video matters. A simple, well-shot 60-second video beats a fancy one that buries the idea.
- Read the rubric before you submit. Score yourself first.

GET STARTED

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Create your account at schoolsummit.com/auth. Find your Teacher Champion. Build your team. Pick your brief. Submit before the deadline.

