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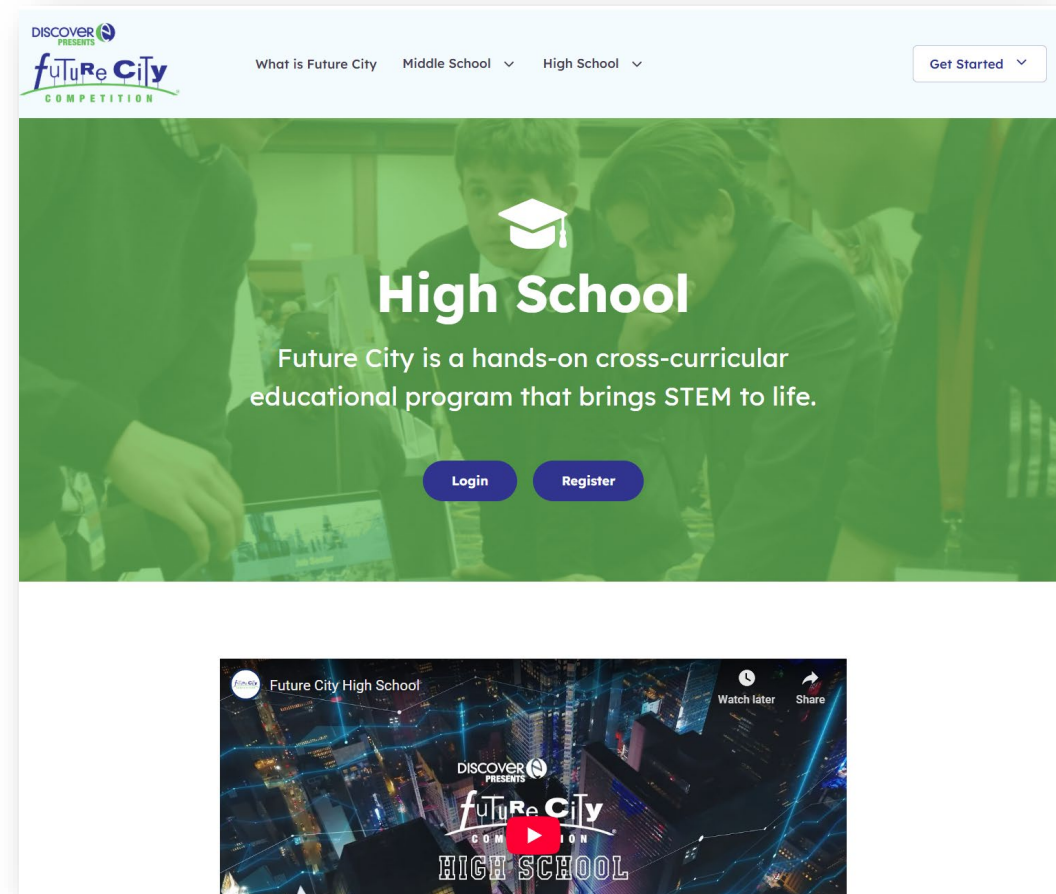
INFO SESSION
MAY 13, 2026

Welcome!

- This session will be recorded
- Recording and slide deck will be sent out
- Drop any questions into the Q&A
- Short poll at beginning of presentation

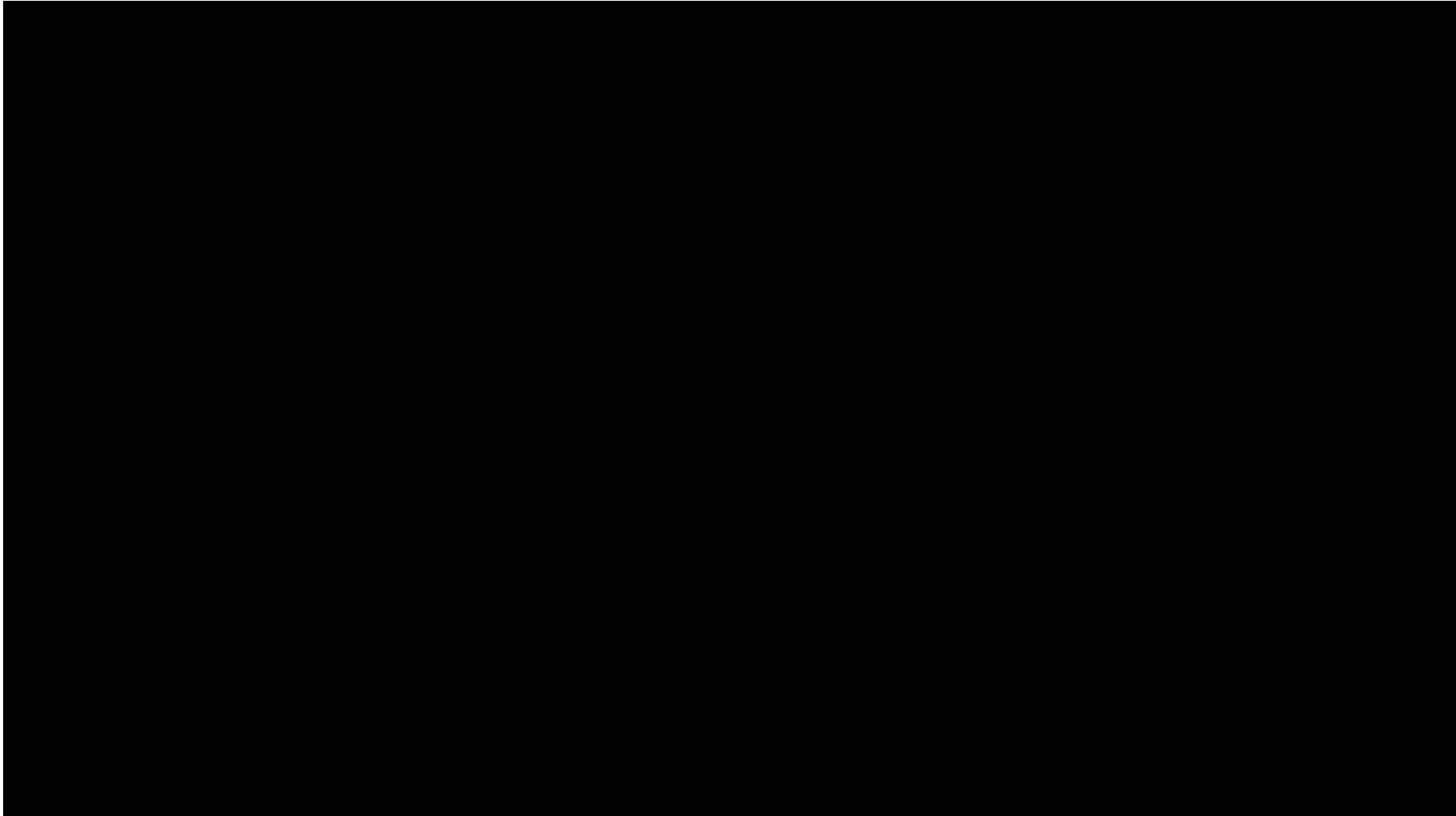
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New Video!



What Is Future City?

Students work in teams to create cities that exist 100 years in the future based on an annual sustainability challenge.

Challenge Statement

Design a resilient future city that can prevent, protect, and recover from urban wildfires.



Team Structure

- 3-5 students in grades 9-12
- 1 adult Coach – could be an educator, engineer, parent, etc.
- Coaches can have multiple teams
- Each team is its own entity – no regions

Future City is open to kids in grades 9-12 who are from the same school, a home school environment, or are members of a nationally, regionally, or state-recognized youth-focused organization, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, or 4-H.

Program Resources

- **Program Handbook – August 1**
 - Where to Start
 - Rules & Rubrics
 - Engineering Design Process
 - Project Management Planning
- **Theme Webinar – September 30**
- **Monthly Coaches Calls**
- **Revit Tutorials**
- **Revit Webinar**
- **Mentor Panel**
 - Our Mentor Panelists are real STEM Professionals providing technical guidance and engineering career insights



Competition Deliverables

Qualification Round

A virtual round where your essay and model are scored by judges from all over the world!

Finals Round

An in-person round for qualifying finalists held in Washington, DC. where teams present their city and answer questions in front of a panel of STEM professionals.



50
Points

City Essay

Teams describe the unique attributes of their city and their solution to the annual challenge (2,000-word max.)



60
Points

City Model

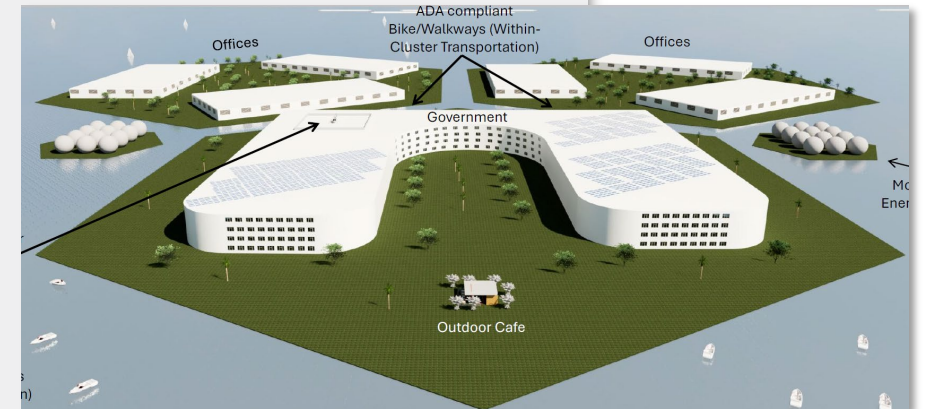
Teams build a digital model of their city using Revit.



65
Points

Presentation / Q&A

Teams have seven minutes to present their city's futuristic innovations. Teams then answer questions for a panel of STEM professionals.



Deliverables Due: January 6, 2027

Virtual Qualification Round: January 8 – 18, 2027

Finals Round: February 13 – 17, 2027 in Washington, D.C. (*Invite Only*)

- Top 20 teams from Virtual Qualification Round

2025-2026 Student Outcomes



91% of coaches say Future City helped their students learn how to **use engineering to solve real-world problems**

96% of coaches say Future City helped their students learn **teamwork skills**



82%

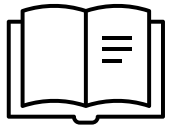
82% of students say Future City has increased their confidence in their **problem-solving abilities**



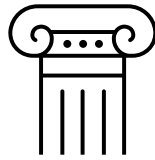
85% of students say Future City gave them a place where they felt **welcome and like they belonged**



Any Teacher Can Lead a Future City Team!



English



History



Geography



Science

Future City is a cross-curricular program! Whether you're an English teacher guiding students in technical writing, a History or Civics teacher connecting government to urban planning, or a STEM educator exploring engineering concepts, your background brings unique value.

Skills and Benefits



Technical Writing



Critical Thinking



Problem Solving



Confidence in
STEM Ability



Public Speaking



Collaboration



Digital Design in Revit



Career Exploration



Sustainability Issues



Student-Led



Cross-curricular



Professional Guidance

Awards

Special Awards:

- Virtual judging of answers to organizations' questions
- \$1,000 Cash Prize per Award



Finals Awards:

- **1st Place:**
 - \$10,000/Student Scholarship
 - \$20,000 Cash Prize
- **2nd Place:**
 - \$7,500/Student Scholarship
 - \$14,000 Cash Prize
- **3rd Place:**
 - \$3,000/Student Scholarship
 - \$7,000 Cash Prize

Participation Levels

Competition Access - \$375/team

- Submit deliverables for feedback and compete for prizes and scholarships

Program Access - \$300

- Use resources and deliverable criteria/rubrics to round out curricular goals
- **Upgrade to Competition Access any time for an additional \$150*

Participation Levels	Program Access	Competition Access
Future City Program Handbook	✓	✓
Resources and Activities	✓	✓
Monthly Coaches Calls	✓	✓
Deliverable Instructions & Rubrics	✓	✓
Digital Platform Support	✓	✓
Ability to Submit Deliverables		✓
Feedback from Judges		✓
Special Awards		✓
Scholarship & Cash Prize Eligibility		✓
Cost per team	\$300*	\$375

*Convert to Competition Access anytime after registration for an additional \$150.

Next Steps

Coach

1. Choose Participation Level and Register Team
2. Recruit Students
3. Check out Resources and Timeline
4. Register for Coaches Calls

Student

1. Find Coach and Teammates
2. Create an Account
3. Check out Resources and Timeline
4. Explore Revit Functionality
5. Begin Theme Research

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the annual sustainability challenge the same for both Future City Middle School and High School?

Yes! This year and every year moving forward, both programs will have the same challenge statement. The Handbook will detail exactly what Future City High School teams need to accomplish for the challenge.

What are some changes to the program compared to last year?

New Theme: Fire Resilient Future. We've updated some official rules, the rubrics, and a few other items that can be found in the Handbook.

Is the Presentation/Q&A only for the Finals Round?

Yes. Teams will submit their Essay and Model among other deliverables for the Virtual Qualification Round. The top 20 teams will be invited to Finals where they will do the 7-minute presentation and 8-minute Q&A.

Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

How can we begin to explore Revit?

Registered teams have access to resources detailing how to download and install Revit, along with video tutorials to begin learning the basic functionalities. They will also have access to our Mentor Panel and can attend the Revit Webinar.

Are there limits to how many teams one Coach can coach?

There are no limits! Last year, many Coaches had multiple teams and even a couple of Coaches had multiple teams at Finals. Likewise, there is no limit to the number of teams that a school/organization can bring through the Virtual Qualification Round or Finals Round.

Can you lead a Future City High School team and a Future City Middle School team?

Yes! Be sure to read both Handbooks for a clear understanding of both programs' rules and rubrics. Each program has a separate system and Dashboard, so you will need to registration for both.

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Next Info Session:

August 5

6pm ET



Register Now!

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