



## Official Rules

**Eligibility:** The New Jersey Student Climate Challenge (the “Challenge”) is open to New Jersey public schools serving students in grades 6 through 12. Students must participate as teams composed of a minimum of 2 students and a maximum of 12 students (a “Student Team”) from the same school. Each team must have a teacher mentor.

**Challenge Partners:** The Drumthwacket Foundation and Sustainable Jersey.

**How to Enter:** Teachers can register to participate in the Challenge from October 1, 2024 through April 9, 2025. Registration for the Challenge indicates a teacher’s interest in having student teams participate in the Challenge.

Student team submissions will be accepted through April 9, 2025 at 11:59pm. Each student team is required to complete a school or community project aimed at addressing a cause or impact of climate change. Entry into the Challenge includes: a short (2 - 3 minute) digital story video accompanied by a completed submission form which requires students to provide a summary of their project and explain about how it is linked to climate change.

The Challenge Partners will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected, or illegible entries or failure to receive entries by the stated deadline.

**Awards:** First, second, and third place winners in middle and high school categories will be selected by a panel of educators and representatives from non-profits, state agencies, and sponsor organizations. Winners will be contacted and notified in May 2025. The Drumthwacket Foundation will host the awards ceremony with New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy in June 2025, where the winners will be recognized. Schools with winning submissions will receive a grant to support their climate education initiatives.

1st Place: \$2,500 school grant

2nd Place: \$1,000 school grant

3rd Place: \$500 school grant



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The decisions made by the judges regarding the winners are final and binding in all respects. The list of winners will be posted on the [sustainablejerseyschools.com](http://sustainablejerseyschools.com) website on or before June 30, 2025. If you have any questions regarding this Challenge, please email:

[njstudentclimatechallenge@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:njstudentclimatechallenge@sustainablejersey.com)

**Participation:** By participating, students and teachers agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the Challenge Partners. The Challenge Partners further reserve the right to disqualify any entry that is alleged to infringe on any third-party's intellectual property rights or that the Challenge Partners deem obscene, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate for viewing by a general audience. By participating in the Challenge, the entrants, winners, and their parents and legal guardians hereby release the Challenge Partners and each of their respective affiliated companies and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all claims, complaints, disputes, and liabilities in connection with this Challenge.

**Copyright:** By entering the Challenge, each student grants to the Challenge Partners an exclusive, royalty-free, and irrevocable right and license to publish, print, edit, display, broadcast or otherwise use the student teams video submissions, in whole or in part, for any purpose and in any manner or media (including, without limitation, the Internet), all without limitation or further compensation.



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