



We are excited to share that the 2026 DiscoverE Missouri Future City Regional Finals will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the Butler Carlton Building on the Missouri S&T Campus in Rolla, Missouri! We are hopeful we can count on your support this year!

What is the Future City Competition?

Last year, more than 83,000 students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th worked in teams with an engineering mentor and educator to imagine, design, and build cities of the future across the country. Along the way, they learned about engineering and technology, developed writing and public speaking skills, practiced teamwork, and applied math and science to real world issues. And they had a blast doing it!

During the competition, student teams:

- 1. Research and write a 1,500-word essay about a sustainability topic, the theme for that year
- 3. Create a Project Plan to identify goals, plan, and schedule their work
- 4. Use recycled materials to build a physical model that has at least one moving part
- 5. Present their city to a panel of judges at the Regional Competition

This year's theme is "Farm to Table" where teams will design a city approximately one hundred years in the future that eliminates food waste from farm to table in the areas of production, packaging, and consumption, while keeping citizens safe and healthy. The winning team for the Missouri Regional Competition will compete at the National Competition level against the other regional winners. Learn more about Future City at www.futurecity.org.

How you can help!

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in corporate sponsorship for this year's competition, and the help you provide is greatly appreciated. The support of companies like yours is what makes this competition a success.

The funds raised help to cover expenses, such as:

- Reimbursements to teachers for material expenses they incur
- Travel funds for schools traveling to competition day
- Cash awards for winning schools
- Small thank you gifts for teachers, mentors, judges, and students

- Other logistical competition day expenses

(Please review the levels of sponsorship on the final page of this document)

We are grateful to Missouri S&T and the Kaleidoscope Discovery Center for recognizing the value of this competition to help expand Future City across the state. However, this support does not cover many of the essential expenses required to host the competition, and future funding is never guaranteed. That is why sponsorship from partners like you is so important. Your support ensures we can cover critical competition costs and more importantly, that the program remains strong and sustainable for years to come—reaching middle school students across all of Missouri.

How do we recognize sponsors?

All sponsors are included in our competition day program and displayed prominently on signage on competition day. In addition, sponsors will be listed in all Missouri press releases and on our social media presence. We anticipate the participation of over 1,500 middle school students from 57 middle schools, 60 Missouri middle school teachers, 500 parents, and 100 engineering professionals. Due to the educational value and community visibility of the Future City Regional Competition, various media outlets - print and broadcast - have provided valuable coverage throughout the years. We expect the same this year as well!

Specific types of sponsorship provide additional opportunities for exposure. For example, sponsoring a specific specialty award related to your firm's area of focus ensures that students throughout the state will be talking about your organization in the weeks and months leading up to competition day as they prepare to compete for these coveted awards.

With your donation, you are investing in the problem solvers of tomorrow.

Competing in the Missouri Regional Competition provides our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with greater awareness about engineering and the engineering design process. At the same time, it also helps to develop their 21st Century Skills such as managing a project, meeting deadlines, staying organized, researching and making presentations. Looking back over the past 25 years, we have seen many of our Future City students become outstanding professionals in the fields of engineering, technical writing, and architecture to name a few career paths. Every dollar you donate goes a long way towards inspiring thoughtful creative leaders, who will indeed be the next generation of STEM professionals. On behalf of the Regional Steering Committee, and the Professional Engineers of Missouri, we thank you for your support of the Missouri Future City Regional Competition.

Sincerely,

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Sponsorship Levels and Contribution Benefits

Please take a minute to review our sponsorship levels. Your sponsorship donations and in-kind services will help cover competition day costs, as well as student awards, and teacher stipends. All sponsors will be recognized in the Regional Competition program and all media press releases.

Sponsor Levels:

Sponsor Level	Contribution	Benefits
 Platinum	\$5,000+	• Full Page Ad in Future City Program • Logo displayed <u>prominently</u> on back of annual FC shirt* • Reserved space for company displays in McKimmon Center Lobby • Plus, all <u>Gold</u> level benefits
 Gold	\$2,500+	• Invited to speak at Regional Competition Final Round • Plus, all <u>Silver</u> level benefits
 Silver	\$1,000+	• Logo displayed on back of Regional Competition Shirt* • Plus, all <u>Bronze</u> level benefits
 Bronze	\$500+	• Invited to define and present your own specialty award • @FutureCityNC and @ProfEngNC social media recognition posts • Plus, all <u>Friend</u> level benefits
 Friend	\$250+	• Logo displayed on event day printed program, signage, website, and media press releases.

* To be eligible for the company logo on T-shirts, FC Sponsorship must be received by Dec. 19, 2025, due to the supplier timeline.

In addition, consider these specific sponsorship opportunities:

- **Sponsorship of Competition Lunch - \$5,000 (limit one)**
Host the final competition day lunch for all competition attendees. We anticipate over 400 middle school students, many NC middle school teachers, parents, and engineering professionals to attend the regional final competition on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, NC. Your name will be prominently displayed in the lunch area. In addition, you are welcome to speak to the group, share a pre-recorded video, distribute flyers, or set-up an informational booth during the 1-hour luncheon.
- **Sponsorship of Judges' Breakfast - \$1,500 (limit one)**
Host a breakfast and coffee break room for the 50+ professional engineering judges from around the state of NC, and the 50+ NC State engineering student volunteers who will be on-site to judge this year's competition. Your name will be prominently displayed in the judge's lounge where breakfast and coffee will be served all day.
- **NEW! Diamond  Sustaining Sponsor**
A Diamond Level Sustaining Sponsor has pledged to support the Future City Competition for a minimum of three years. These sponsors allow much needed continuity to ensure the long-term success of the Future City Program and will receive special recognition and benefits in addition to the levels above. To inquire more about this opportunity please contact the Regional Coordinator at North_Carolina@futurecity.org

Any questions about sponsoring this year, email missouri@futurecity.org with questions.

Thank you for your support!