



Veale Innovation Challenge & Summit

Rules & Eligibility

- All competitors must be in Grades 9-12 and actively enrolled in a Northeast Ohio high school (including online/home school) in the fall of 2025. They must remain in good academic standing throughout the challenge.
- Teams may be comprised of one to four members.
- Teams must have an adult advisor to work with student teams competing in the Challenge.
- Teams must select one of two tracks to enter: Innovation or Small Business.
 - Small business ideas should be able to be realistically started by high school students with under \$10,000.
- Submitting multiple entries is prohibited.
- Only original ideas and materials that have been conceived of and created by the competitor(s) may be submitted.
- Entries may not contain material that violates or infringes another's rights, including but not limited to privacy, publicity, copyright, trademark, patent, intellectual property-related rights, or property-related rights.
- Applicant and his/her parent/guardian must give consent to all photographs, audio recordings and video recordings taken of him/her, and all Challenge and Summit work presented in association with the Veale Youth Entrepreneurship Forum (VYEF). All media recordings become the property of VYEF and may be used by VYEF for educational, instructional or promotional purposes in print, broadcast or electronic media formats now existing or in the future created. This includes but is not limited to any video entry submission. There will be no compensation for the use of any photographs, audio or video recordings or any other media.

Submission Procedures

- All information submitted through the thinkBIG! Innovation Challenge portal must be in English.
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- Entries must be received by 11:59 pm on the due date published on the thinkBIG! webpage.
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 - The differentiating feature being that small business ideas should be able to be realistically started by high school students with under \$10,000.
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