

## What is it?

We are excited to invite your students to participate in **the Art of Sustainable Science**, an annual event at the Huntsville Botanical Garden!

To participate, students create an art or science-fair style project that demonstrates a message of sustainability or conservation. Whether your students are more creatively inclined or more scientifically driven, there is something for everyone.

### **We are offering both virtual and in-person options!**

Projects may be submitted virtually using videos and/or photographs or displayed at the in-person event.

**Who:** Students in grades K-12

**When:** Projects due February 26th for Virtual Submissions and on March 4th for In-Person participants

**Cost:** FREE to participate (Pre-registration required)

**Prizes:** Judges from local organizations will select winners in each category and grade level group, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. (See inside for details.)

Each participant will also receive two (2) daytime tickets for a future visit to the Garden!

## Important Dates

**February 19 at 5:00 p.m.**

Project registration deadline

**February 26 at 5:00 p.m.**

Virtual Project submission deadline

**February 27 - March 1**

Project scoring for virtual submissions

**March 2 at 9:00am-12:00pm**

In-Person Event/Winner Announcements

**March 4-8 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Prize and certificate pickup at the Garden

**March 27**

Prize checks mailed to winning projects

### **Health and Safety Guidelines**

At the Garden, our priority is the health and safety of our community, and we have implemented safety measures in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and the ADPH.

We are excited to have the option to return to our in-person event at the Garden. Guidelines for health and safety will be provided via email the week of the in-person event.

**You can find a complete list of the Garden's visitor guidelines at [www.hsvbg.org/visit](http://www.hsvbg.org/visit).**

Changes may occur to these guidelines based on state and local advisement at the time of the program.



# The Art of Sustainable Science

## March 2, 2024



### **Huntsville Botanical Garden**

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# How to Participate

Working individually or in a team, students must create a project that represents sustainability or conservation in one of the following categories:

- Environmental Conservation
- Plant Science

## Virtual Submission Information:

Students are responsible for providing a visual representation of their project to submit virtually (video or photo).

## Video Submission Requirements:

- Projects must be submitted via Flipgrid, a free app that is accessible from any device. You will receive instructions for using Flipgrid after your registration is complete.
- Video must be 5-10 minutes in length.
- Video must include a description of the creation process of the project and visuals of the project itself.
- Students must also answer a set of questions about their project for the judges.

## Photo Submission Requirements:

- Submission can include up to 10 photos of the project from various angles.
- Photos must be accompanied by a written description of the creation process of the project.
- Students must also answer a set of questions about their project for the judges.

Projects and answers to the questions will be due by 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2023.

# How to Register

## *Registration is open now!*

To register to participate, each student (or an adult representing the student) must submit the following information via email to [education@hsvbg.org](mailto:education@hsvbg.org):

- Student name
- Student age and grade
- Parent/guardian or teacher name
- Name of school or homeschool organization
- Contact email and phone number
- A description of the project (250 words max) that includes the project category and how the project represents sustainability or conservation

Once your registration is processed, you will receive a list of questions and submission instructions via email.



# Judging and Prizes

Projects will be separated by category and grade level. There are two grade level groups: K-5 and 6-12.

Judges will score the virtual submissions separate from in-person projects.

Judges will evaluate projects based on the following criteria:

- Project Purpose
- Design and Methodology
- Execution: Data Collection, Analysis and Interpretation
- Creativity
- Presentation

Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category and grade level group separately for virtual and in-person projects. Winners will also receive a certificate and a souvenir item.

All winners will be announced on March 5th. Virtual participants will be required to pick up their certificates at the Garden. Prize checks will be mailed at a later date.



**Questions?** Contact Misty Hertzog, Education Program Coordinator,  
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