

Community Impact Contest

Official Terms and Conditions

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

Effective: September 14, 2026

Submission Deadline: April 19, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

Section I General Rules

Contest Period and Scope. The Bill of Rights Institute (“BRI”) will conduct the Community Impact Contest (the “Contest”) from September 14, 2026, through 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on April 19, 2027 (the “Contest Period”). The Contest is open to eligible students in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and American Armed Forces Schools Abroad, as further described in Section II (Eligibility). To enter, an eligible student or group of eligible students must submit an entry through the Community Impact Contest online portal in accordance with Section III (Submission Guidelines) before the end of the Contest Period. By entering the Contest, each entrant agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions and by BRI’s good-faith decisions regarding the administration and judging of the Contest, subject to these Terms and Conditions, Section VII (Contest Administration and Technical Availability), applicable law, and any rights that cannot lawfully be waived.

Public Nature of the Contest. The Contest is a public-facing competition intended not only to evaluate student civic projects, but also to recognize, document, and showcase selected projects and student experiences as part of the Contest. Public presentation and showcasing of selected Contest materials are essential features of the Contest. As a condition of participation, each entrant must grant BRI the rights described in Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy) that are reasonably necessary to present, document, recognize, and showcase the Contest and participating projects. These uses may include publication of selected Contest materials through the Contest website, BRI-owned or controlled websites, social media and video-platform accounts, Contest publications, presentations, Contest recaps, and similar public communications relating to the Contest. An entrant who does not provide the acknowledgments or authorizations required for these essential Contest uses is not eligible to participate in the Contest. Any broader advertising, marketing, fundraising, or other secondary promotional use that requires separate authorization under applicable law will be governed by Section VI and any applicable separate authorization.

National Contest; No Purchase Required. These Terms and Conditions govern only the national Community Impact Contest and do not govern or amend any separately contracted school-based contest, school program, or other BRI program. No purchase, donation, participation in a paid BRI program, subscription to marketing communications, or consent to receive promotional emails, texts, or other marketing communications is required to enter or win. The foregoing does not eliminate the required public Contest showcase rights described above and in Section VI. The Contest is a judged skill-based contest, and winners are selected based on the judging criteria described in Section IV, not by random drawing. Participation in this Contest does not modify, supersede, or amend any separate agreement between BRI and a school, district, organization, or other third party.

Representations Regarding Submissions. By submitting an entry, each entrant represents and warrants that the entrant owns, or has all rights and permissions necessary to submit, the entrant’s contribution to the Submission and to grant BRI the rights described in these Terms and Conditions, and that the entrant’s contribution does not infringe or violate the rights of any third party. For a group entry, each participating entrant must separately authorize submission of the entry and the rights granted to BRI with respect to that entrant’s contribution. For a minor entrant, a parent or legal guardian must provide any acknowledgment, consent, or authorization required under these Terms and Conditions. Entrants retain copyright ownership in their original contributions, subject to the licenses and permissions granted to BRI under Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy).

Individual Acceptance and Group Membership. Each entrant, including each member of a group entry, must separately complete all required participation acknowledgments and authorizations under these Terms and Conditions, including any required authorization for the public Contest showcase described above. For a minor entrant, a parent or legal guardian must separately provide any consent or authorization required on the minor's behalf. A group leader, supporting teacher, or other person may not provide an acknowledgment, release, or authorization on behalf of another entrant unless expressly permitted by these Terms and Conditions. All members of a group entry must be identified by the submission deadline. No entrant may be added or substituted after the submission deadline. BRI may correct a documented clerical or administrative error after the deadline, provided the correction does not add a new entrant, materially alter the submitted entry, or permit the addition of substantive content after the deadline.

Review and Use of Submissions. Submissions will be reviewed for judging without BRI changing their substantive content, subject to the privacy, safety, and correction procedures in Section IV (Judging and Announcement). BRI may also create public-use versions of selected materials, including through cropping, excerpting, blurring, obscuring, muting, redacting, or similar edits, as permitted by Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy).

Section II Eligibility

Student Eligibility. The Contest is open to students who:

1. Are United States citizens or legal residents;
2. Are at least thirteen (13) years old and no older than nineteen (19) years old as of January 1, 2027;
3. Attend school in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, a U.S. territory, or American Armed Forces School Abroad; and
4. Are either (a) enrolled in grades 7–12 at a public, private, religious, or charter school, (b) enrolled in a GED or correspondence school program, or (c) participating in a homeschool program.

Students may enter individually or as members of a group of up to five (5) students. Each student may participate in only one Entry, either individually or as a member of one group. Each member of a group entry must independently satisfy all eligibility requirements in this Section.

Required Participation and Public Contest Showcase Authorization. Because public presentation, recognition, documentation, and showcasing of selected student projects and experiences are essential features of the Contest, each entrant must complete the required Contest Participation Acknowledgment and Public Contest Showcase Authorization described in Sections III and VI. For an entrant under eighteen (18), a parent or legal guardian must provide the required authorization on the entrant's behalf. An entry for which BRI has not received the required acknowledgments and authorizations by the applicable deadline is not eligible for consideration.

Minimum Age When Participating. In addition to satisfying the age requirement above, each entrant must be at least thirteen (13) years old when first registering for the Contest or submitting personal information or materials for participation. A parent, legal guardian, supporting teacher, group leader, or other person may not register or submit information on behalf of an individual who is under thirteen (13) in order to make that individual eligible to participate. BRI may stop processing an underage registration and delete associated information, subject to any retention permitted or required by applicable law.

Student Status and Graduation. An entrant must satisfy the applicable student-enrollment requirements above at the time the entry is submitted. A student who graduated from high school or received a GED before January 1, 2027, is not eligible to enter, regardless of age.

Prior Winners. Past winners of the MyImpact Challenge Grand Prize, First Prize, Second Prize, or Third Prize are not eligible to enter the contest. For a prior group-winning entry, this restriction applies to each student who was a member of that group. Past honorable-mention recipients remain eligible to enter the contest.

Supporting Teacher Eligibility. To be eligible for a teacher prize, a supporting teacher must be a United States citizen or legal resident, be at least eighteen (18) years old at the time the entry is submitted, and be designated as the supporting teacher on an eligible student entry. A supporting teacher may be a professional schoolteacher or another adult who mentors participating students, including a volunteer youth educator, youth organization leader, or homeschool parent. Eligibility for a teacher prize will be determined by BRI reasonably and consistently with these criteria and the award restrictions in Section V. Only one supporting teacher may be associated with each entry.

Administration Conflicts. BRI directors, officers, employees, and individuals directly involved in administering or judging this Contest may not receive a student or teacher award. Their spouses, domestic partners, parents, children, siblings, and household members may not receive an award in this Contest. A supporting teacher who is eligible for a teacher award may not judge the same Contest.

Section III Submission Guidelines

Required Submission Materials. Each individual or group entry must include the following four components: a Pitch Video, an Impact Summary, a Civic Learning in Action Reflection, and Project Visuals. Project Visuals may be incorporated into the Pitch Video or uploaded separately; a separate upload is not required when the visuals are included in the Pitch Video. Data highlights, such as statistics, charts, or graphs, are optional.

Pitch Video

Content. The Pitch Video may be creative and unique to the entrant or group, but it must answer all of the following questions:

1. What community does your project serve?
2. What issue or need are you addressing?
3. Why does this issue matter to you?
4. What is your solution?
5. What have you accomplished? Include successes, both large and small.
6. How has your understanding of civic responsibility grown because of this project? How have you grown?

Specifications. The Pitch Video must be uploaded in MP4 format and must be between four (4) and six (6) minutes in length. The Pitch Video will not be scored on special effects or video production skills. A presentation featuring the entrant speaking directly to a camera can earn the same score as a video featuring transitions, special effects, music, or other production elements. An approved accessibility accommodation under Section VIII may provide an equivalent format or presentation method without a scoring penalty.

Impact Summary

Content. Entrants must complete the BRI-provided Impact Summary form. Responses should answer the form's prompts using only the space provided. The form is intended to capture project information and results; it is not a separate writing assignment.

Specifications. The completed Impact Summary should be uploaded as a PDF.

Civic Learning in Action — Reflection

Content. Entrants must submit a reflection written in the style of a newspaper op-ed, responding to the following statement: *“Leaders should both practice Civic Virtues and develop, then apply, a sophisticated understanding of America’s Founding Principles to best serve their communities.”* The reflection must answer the following question: How did practicing Civic Virtues and applying Founding Principles influence the way you approached your Community Impact project? The response must: 1. Describe how the entrant or group committed to practicing at least two Civic Virtues through the project. 2. Explain how the entrant or group applied an understanding of one Founding Principle to execute the project. 3. Explain the effects the entrant or group believes these practices had on the project’s outcomes. Entrants should consult the BRI-provided Student Guide for complete instructions.

Specifications. The reflection should be uploaded through the Community Impact Contest online portal and must not exceed 750 words. The reflection will be scored on content, not form.

Project Visuals

Content. Project Visuals should showcase the project in action and visually demonstrate the entrant's or group's work. Entrants may provide Project Visuals in one of the following formats:

1. **Video Only:** One (1) brief video clip;
2. **Photos Only:** Four (4) to six (6) photographs; or
3. **Combination:** One (1) brief video clip and One (1) to four (4) photographs.

Project Visuals may be incorporated into the Pitch Video or uploaded separately. Entrants may also include statistics, charts, graphs, or similar visual presentations of project data. Any separately submitted data visual counts toward the applicable image limit.

Specifications. Separately uploaded video: Must be in MP4 format and no more than five (5) minutes long. Photographs must be high-resolution JPEG or PNG files. Optional data visuals must be JPEG, PNG, or PDF files.

Content Restrictions for Visual Documentation and Third-Party Materials. Submissions may include third-party images, logos, artwork, music, video clips, or other protected material only when the entrant owns or has the rights necessary to use the material, has an appropriate license or permission, or otherwise has a lawful basis for the submitted use. Entrants must identify material they do not own and, upon request, provide information or documentation supporting their right to use it. Permission or authority to include third-party material in a Submission for judging does not necessarily authorize BRI to publish, distribute, sublicense, or otherwise publicly use that material. BRI may remove, replace, obscure, mute, or exclude third-party material from a public-use copy when BRI does not have the rights necessary for the contemplated public use.

Other Individuals Appearing in Submissions. Entrants should not intentionally include an identifiable person other than a participating entrant unless the recording and submission of that person are lawful and appropriately authorized. For an identifiable minor who is not a participating entrant, the entrant should obtain any parent or legal guardian authorization required by applicable law and, where applicable, the minor's consent, or use a nonidentifying alternative

- An incidental or background appearance by another identifiable person, including a minor, will not automatically disqualify an otherwise eligible entry. BRI may require a compliant replacement or may crop, blur, obscure, mute, redact, remove, or otherwise edit material before judging when reasonably necessary to protect privacy, address safety concerns, remove unauthorized material, or bring the Submission into compliance with these Terms and Conditions. Any such edit will be limited to the affected material and will not be used to improve the substantive quality of the Submission.
- BRI and its authorized Contest judges may review the Submission, including any compliant replacement or BRI-edited judging copy, for Contest administration and judging as provided in Section IV. BRI's authority to review a Submission for judging does not, by itself, authorize public use of the rights of another person or third-party material. Public use is governed by Section VI.
- Any public use of material depicting an identifiable person is separately subject to the permissions, privacy protections, and editing requirements in Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy). An entrant, parent, or legal guardian may authorize only those rights they are legally entitled to grant and may not grant rights belonging to another person.

Privacy-Protective Submission Practices. Entrants should use aggregate results and examples that avoid unnecessary identification of project beneficiaries. Entrants should not submit unrelated or unnecessary sensitive information, including education or school records, medical or financial records, home addresses, identification documents, private contact information, or other confidential personal information. Entrants are not required to disclose private beliefs, affiliations, diagnoses, traumatic experiences, or other sensitive personal information to receive full credit. No identifiable beneficiary photograph or testimonial is required; privacy-protective evidence may be used.

Review and Use of Submissions. BRI may review Submissions before judging for compliance with these Terms and Conditions and may require a compliant replacement or make limited edits reasonably necessary to address privacy, safety, legal, technical, or eligibility concerns. Such edits may include cropping, blurring, obscuring, muting, redacting, removing, or excluding affected material and will not be used to improve the substantive content or competitive quality

of a Submission. Judges will review the version of the Submission accepted by BRI for judging. BRI may also create separate public-use versions of selected Submission materials for the Public Contest Showcase described in Sections I and VI. Public-use copies may be edited and used only as permitted under Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy).

Participation Acknowledgments and Authorizations. Each entrant must complete BRI's required Contest Participation Acknowledgment and Public Contest Showcase Authorization through BRI's designated process. These acknowledgments and authorizations include acceptance of these Terms and Conditions and the rights required for Contest administration and the Public Contest Showcase described in Sections I and VI. For an entrant under eighteen (18), a parent or legal guardian must provide any required authorization through BRI's designated process.

- For a group entry, one group member may submit the Entry through the Community Impact Contest online portal on behalf of the group (the "Submitting Entrant"). Each additional group member must separately complete the required Contest Participation Acknowledgment and Public Contest Showcase Authorization. For a group member under eighteen (18), a parent or legal guardian must provide any required authorization on that group member's behalf.
- The Submitting Entrant, Supporting Teacher, or another group member may not grant rights or provide required acknowledgments or authorizations on behalf of another entrant, except where a parent or legal guardian is providing authorization for a minor entrant as permitted by these Terms and Conditions.
- A group Entry is incomplete unless all group members are identified and BRI has received all required acknowledgments and authorizations for each group member by the applicable deadline.

Qualifying Project Dates. Qualifying project activity must occur between May 3, 2026 and April 19, 2027, inclusive. A project that began before May 3, 2026 is eligible if substantive project activity continued during the qualifying period. Projects may be ongoing as of the April 19, 2027 submission deadline. Projects completed before May 3, 2026 are not eligible. An entry must reflect project activity that has actually been implemented; a proposal or plan that has not yet been carried out is not eligible. Entrants must clearly distinguish accomplishments and results achieved during the qualifying period from earlier project activity and future plans. Future or anticipated results may be described as such but may not be presented as completed accomplishments.

Submission Deadline and Completeness. Each entry must include all required submission components and all required participation acknowledgments and authorizations, answer all required questions and subparts, and comply with the applicable word limits, duration limits, image-count requirements, file-format requirements, and other specifications stated in this Section. Project Visuals incorporated into the Pitch Video do not need to be uploaded separately but remain subject to the applicable requirements in this Section. All required materials must be submitted through the Community Impact Contest online portal by **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on April 19, 2027**. Mailed or emailed submissions will not be accepted unless BRI expressly authorizes an alternative submission process through an approved accessibility accommodation or technical-contingency process.

Original Work and Assistance. The project and substantive submission must reflect the entrants' own work and experience. Entrants must briefly disclose material adult, third-party, or AI assistance. Accessibility aids, transcription, translation, and limited editing assistance are permitted if they do not replace the entrants' substantive ideas, project work, analysis, or reflection. Fabricated activities, results, quotations, citations, or evidence are prohibited. AI-generated text or media may not be presented as authentic project evidence or the entrants' own substantive work.

Nonpartisan Contest Scope. A project whose purpose is to support or oppose a candidate for elective public office is not eligible for the Contest. Nonpartisan civic education, discussion of public issues, and lawful issue advocacy are not disqualified solely because they address government, public policy, or controversial civic issues. Entrants may not state or imply that BRI endorses their project, political views, policy positions, candidates, organizations, or other activities unless BRI has expressly authorized such representation in writing.

Section IV Judging and Announcement

Evaluation and Scoring. Eligible entries will be evaluated according to the 2026–2027 BRI Community Impact Contest Judging Rubric, effective September 14, 2026 available at [Community Impact Contest Rubric](#) (the "Contest Rubric"). The

Contest Rubric is incorporated into these Terms and Conditions. Entries may receive a maximum of **thirty (30) points**, allocated as follows:

Pitch Video, Impact Summary, and Project Visuals

- Community Impact — 9 points
- Civic Responsibility — 6 points
- Applying Civic Virtues — 6 points
- Presentation — 3 points

Civic Learning in Action — Reflection

- Appreciation for Civic Learning — 3 points
- Growth as a Community Leader — 3 points

Judges will assign points using the detailed scoring standards and descriptors contained in the Contest Rubric. Production expense, special effects, professional-quality video or photography, participation in a paid BRI program, and permissions unrelated to judging will not independently increase or decrease an entry's score unless expressly included in the published scoring criteria. The required Public Contest Showcase Authorization is an eligibility requirement and is not a scoring criterion. BRI will not materially change the scoring categories or point allocations after registration opens except as permitted under Section VII and applicable law.

Ties. If a tie affects advancement or an award, BRI may use additional review by one or more conflict-free judges applying the published Contest Rubric to resolve the tie. Awards will not be determined by random drawing.

Honorable Mentions. BRI may award up to nine (9) Honorable Mentions, including up to one for each Civic Virtue, based on the applicable criteria in the Contest Rubric. BRI is not required to award an Honorable Mention in a category if no eligible entry sufficiently demonstrates the applicable Civic Virtue.

Submissions and Judge Access. Authorized BRI employees may access only information needed for their assigned, permitted responsibilities. Authorized Contest judges, including external judges, may access only materials needed for evaluation and scoring, not parent contact information, signatures, birthdates, financial data, any separate optional media or promotional authorization choices. BRI will not change a submission's substantive content for judging. Judges must agree in writing to confidentiality, access restrictions, conflict disclosure, and return or deletion requirements; they may not independently publish, share, reuse, or upload submissions to unapproved AI or other services. Access will be limited to the period needed to perform their assigned responsibilities. Judge access to or acceptance of a Submission for judging does not expand BRI's public-use rights. Public use is governed by the required Public Contest Showcase Authorization and Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy). Public-use edits are separate from judging and will not affect the version scored by the judges.

Privacy, Safety, and Limited Corrections. BRI may review an Entry or Submission for privacy, rights, security, safety, technical, or eligibility concerns and may restrict access to affected materials, request a compliant replacement, or make limited non-substantive edits reasonably necessary to address the concern. Any such action will not be used to improve the substantive content or competitive quality of the Submission. BRI may permit correction of a timely submitted Entry after the submission deadline when the correction is limited to an administrative, authorization, file-format, privacy, or similar non-substantive defect. A correction may not add substantive content or achievements, add a new entrant, cure a failure to satisfy an eligibility requirement, or otherwise materially alter the Entry. BRI may establish a deadline for any permitted correction. If a concern cannot be resolved without materially altering the Submission, or if an entrant does not complete a permitted correction within any deadline established by BRI, BRI may exclude the affected material or Entry as appropriate under these Terms and Conditions.

Disqualification. BRI may disqualify an entrant or entry based on a reasonable, documented determination of ineligibility, material rule violations, tampering, fraud, fabrication, plagiarism, or prohibited assistance. BRI will ordinarily give notice and a reasonable opportunity to explain or correct a curable administrative defect before a final adverse decision. Immediate restriction of access or materials may be used to protect safety, privacy, or integrity. Automated plagiarism or AI-detection output alone will not establish misconduct. Administrative review is addressed in Section VII.

Judge Selection and Conflicts. BRI selects qualified judges and requires disclosure of actual or reasonably apparent conflicts, including family, household, teaching, mentoring, employment, financial, school, district, or close personal connections. A judge may not evaluate a connected entry or a competing award pool in which the judge or an associated entrant has a material interest. Teachers supporting entries or eligible for teacher awards may not judge this national competition. BRI will arrange conflict-free reassignment and document recusals.

Winner Announcement. BRI will publicly recognize selected winners on or before **May 28, 2027**, through the Contest website and/or other BRI controlled public channels. BRI may privately notify selected winners before the public announcement and may contact winners, and where applicable their parent or legal guardian, to confirm information needed for Contest administration.

Section V Awards and Payment

Student Awards. Student winners will receive the following prizes based upon the judges' evaluations as outlined in Section IV.

- First Prize – one award of \$10,000
- Second Prize – one award of \$5,000
- Third Prize – one award of \$2,500
- Honorable Mention - Up to nine awards of \$500 each, with no more than one award for each Civic Virtue: courage, honor, humility, integrity, justice, moderation, prudence, respect, and responsibility.

Public Recognition. Each Student Award includes the applicable monetary prize and public recognition of the winning entrant or group and project as part of the Public Contest Showcase. Public recognition may include the entrant's name, award received, school affiliation, project information, and authorized Submission materials through the Contest website and other BRI-controlled public channels. Such recognition is governed by Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy) and the required Public Contest Showcase Authorization.

Student Award Limits. Each entry may receive no more than one student award. An entry receiving First, Second, or Third Prize is not also eligible for an honorable mention, and no entry may receive multiple honorable mentions. The three ranked prizes will be awarded if at least three eligible entries are received; if fewer qualify, available ranked prizes will be awarded in order. An Honorable Mention may be omitted when no eligible Entry sufficiently demonstrates the applicable Civic Virtue under the standards reflected in the Contest Rubric.

Teacher Awards. Teacher prizes shall be awarded based upon the criteria below. Teacher awards may stack across categories: an eligible teacher may receive the Teacher Grand Prize, Teacher Support Prize, and one Teacher Submission Prize in the same Contest, for a maximum total of \$1,250. Only one award per teacher within each category is permitted.

- Teacher Grand Prize – one award of \$500, awarded to the supporting teacher designated on the First Prize winning entry.
- Teacher Support Prize – one award of \$500, awarded to the supporting teacher designated on the greatest number of valid Contest Entries.
- Teacher Submission Prize – Up to twenty (20) awards of \$250 each, awarded to eligible Supporting Teachers associated with the highest number of valid Contest Entries, with a minimum of three valid Entries required. A teacher may receive no more than one Teacher Submission Prize.

Teacher Entry Counts and Ties. For purposes of teacher awards, a "valid entry" is a complete and eligible individual or group submission accepted for judging after any permitted correction. A group submission counts as one entry, regardless of the number of participating students. The supporting teacher must be designated by the submission deadline. If a tie affects the Teacher Support Prize or the final Teacher Submission Prize, BRI will review the tied teachers' qualifying Entries and use relevant Contest results to determine the recipient. No random drawing will be used.

Group Awards. A student award made to a group entry will be split among the verified, eligible group members identified in the timely submitted entry. Payment will be arranged separately for each eligible group member, including through an appropriate custodial or other lawful payment method for a minor where necessary. A group member's failure to claim an award or complete required payment documentation will not delay payment to the other eligible group members and will not increase their shares. Any unclaimed share will remain subject to the claim procedures in this Section and applicable law. If a group member is determined to be ineligible or withdraws from the Contest, BRI will determine whether the group entry remains eligible and may continue in the Contest under these Terms and Conditions. No portion of an award will be paid to an ineligible group member. BRI will determine the treatment of any affected award share in accordance with these Terms and Conditions and applicable law. Any ownership, license, or other rights relating to the Submission are governed separately by Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy).

Additional Media and Promotional Uses. As part of the Contest entry process, BRI may separately offer entrants an optional authorization for use of their submitted materials, name, image, likeness, voice, and statements in broader BRI educational, communications, and promotional activities beyond the required Public Contest Showcase. This additional authorization is optional and is governed by Section VI, the terms of the applicable authorization, and applicable law. BRI may also request separate authorization from finalists or winners for new interviews, photographs, recordings, testimonials, or other materials not included in the original Submission. Declining any optional authorization will not affect an entrant's eligibility, judging, finalist status, award, public recognition as a winner, or prize payment.

Payment Timing. BRI will issue prize payments within three (3) months after the Winner Announcement, provided the winner's eligibility has been verified and all required documentation has been received. If verification or missing documentation delays payment, BRI will notify the winner of the outstanding requirements and revised payment timing.

Required Payment Documentation. To receive payment, winners must provide a completed Form W-9 or other applicable tax documentation and accurate payment information through BRI's designated secure process. For winners who are minors, BRI will coordinate with a parent or legal guardian as needed to complete payment arrangements. Tax and banking information will be handled in accordance with Section VI (Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy).

Claim Deadline. Winners must claim their prizes and provide the required documentation within 180 days after BRI sends written notification of the award. BRI will make reasonable follow-up efforts before treating an award as unclaimed. If a winner does not complete these requirements within that period, BRI may deem the prize forfeited to the extent permitted by applicable law, subject to any extension BRI grants for documented circumstances.

Payment Method and Errors. Payment will be made by direct deposit or another method approved by BRI. Winners are responsible for providing accurate payment information and promptly notifying BRI of errors or changes. BRI is not responsible for delays caused by incorrect information supplied by a winner but will make reasonable efforts to resolve failed payments. Uncashed checks and unsuccessful deposits will be handled under applicable law, including any unclaimed-property requirements; expiration of a check does not, by itself, forfeit an otherwise valid award.

Taxes and Teacher Award Policies. Winners are responsible for applicable federal, state, and local taxes associated with their prizes. BRI will complete any reporting and withholding required by law. Teacher prize recipients must comply with applicable public-employee ethics and gift laws, as well as school, district, employer policies, or organizational policies governing acceptance of awards. Before confirming or paying a teacher award, BRI may require documentation reasonably necessary to confirm that a teacher may lawfully accept an award. If a teacher cannot lawfully receive an award, BRI may offer that award to the next eligible teacher under the same published selection criteria without affecting any student award. A Teacher Grand Prize for which the designated supporting teacher cannot lawfully accept the award will not be reassigned to the supporting teacher of a different student entry.

Section VI Ownership, Media Use, and Privacy

Ownership and License. Entrants retain copyright in their original Submissions and any rights they hold in their underlying projects. By entering the Contest, each entrant grants BRI a nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to receive, store, reproduce, review, evaluate, and otherwise use the entrant's Submission as reasonably necessary to administer the Contest, verify eligibility and results, conduct judging, administer awards, resolve disputes, maintain appropriate records, and meet legal obligations. This license does not transfer ownership of the Submission to BRI,

create a work-made-for-hire relationship, or grant BRI rights belonging to another person or in third-party material beyond the rights the entrant is authorized to grant.

Public Contest Showcase. The Community Impact Contest is a public-facing competition in which presenting, recognizing, documenting, and showcasing selected student projects and experiences are essential features of participation. Through the required Public Contest Showcase Authorization completed as part of the Contest entry process, each entrant grants BRI a nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to select, reproduce, excerpt, edit, display, publish, and distribute portions of the entrant's Submission, including the entrant's name, image, likeness, voice, statements, and project materials, as reasonably related to presenting, documenting, recognizing, and showcasing the Contest and participating projects. Authorized uses may include publication through the Contest website, BRI-owned or controlled websites, social media and video-platform accounts, Contest publications, presentations, Contest recaps, and similar public communications relating to the Contest and its impact. BRI may retain and continue to make previously published Contest recaps, galleries, presentations, and similar Contest materials publicly available as historical documentation of the Contest, subject to applicable law. For an entrant under eighteen (18), a parent or legal guardian must provide any authorization required on the entrant's behalf. An entrant may grant only rights the entrant is legally entitled to grant and may not authorize rights belonging to another person or rights in third-party material.

Editing and Preparation of Materials. BRI may crop, excerpt, blur, obscure, mute, redact, remove, format, or otherwise edit materials as reasonably necessary to protect privacy, address unauthorized or noncompliant material, prepare materials for an authorized Public Contest Showcase use, or carry out a separately authorized media or promotional use. BRI may also make reasonable grammatical or stylistic edits and prepare accurate captions, transcripts, or translations. BRI will not materially misrepresent an entrant's statements, fabricate an endorsement, or create a synthetic likeness or voice under these permissions. Limited edits or compliant replacements made for judging are governed by Section IV and will not be used to improve the substantive or competitive quality of a Submission.

Additional Media and Promotional Uses. As part of the Contest entry process, BRI may separately offer entrants an optional authorization for use of their submitted materials, name, image, likeness, voice, and statements in broader BRI educational, organizational, communications, and promotional activities beyond the required Public Contest Showcase. This additional authorization is optional and is governed by this Section VI, the terms of the applicable authorization, and applicable law. BRI may also request separate authorization from finalists or winners for new interviews, photographs, recordings, testimonials, or other materials not included in the original Submission. Declining any optional authorization will not affect an entrant's eligibility, judging, finalist status, award, public recognition as a winner, or prize payment.

Service Providers and Distribution Platforms. BRI may provide Contest information or authorized materials to service providers, contractors, hosting providers, social media or video platforms, and other entities reasonably necessary to administer the Contest or carry out an authorized public use. Such access or sharing does not grant those entities independent rights to use entrant materials for purposes unrelated to the services they provide to BRI, except as otherwise authorized by the entrant or permitted by applicable law.

Artificial Intelligence and Automated Tools. Approved service providers may assist with necessary administrative tasks, such as transcription, accessibility, security, or file organization, only with a lawful basis, appropriate notice, restricted access and retention, no provider training or independent reuse, and human oversight. Such tools will not make the final judging decision. These Rules do not authorize general-purpose AI training or fine-tuning, voice cloning, synthetic representations of participants, or profiling for advertising. Research, model evaluation, or future product development involving identifiable materials or protected submission content requires a separate, specific notice and permission process before that use, including any commercial purpose, recipients, duration, and withdrawal limits. Raw participant records will not be shared with independent product or research partners under this framework. Lawful aggregate or genuinely deidentified analysis must not be used to evade copyright or privacy obligations.

Optional Authorization Changes or Withdrawal. Any additional optional media or promotional authorization may be changed or withdrawn to the extent provided by the applicable authorization and applicable law. Withdrawal does not invalidate uses lawfully made before the withdrawal. BRI may retain records reasonably necessary to document the authorization, withdrawal, prior lawful use, awards, legal compliance, or disputes. Withdrawal of an optional authorization does not affect Contest eligibility, judging, awards, or payment. The required rights associated with

Contest administration and the Public Contest Showcase are separate and remain subject to these Terms and Conditions and applicable law.

Contest Review and Judging. Access to Submissions, compliant replacements, and any BRI-prepared judging copies, together with confidentiality and access requirements for authorized judges, is governed by Section IV (Judging and Announcement).

Public Use and Other Individuals. Before publicly using selected material, BRI will confirm that it has the rights, permissions, and authorizations reasonably necessary for the intended use. Where necessary, BRI may remove, crop, blur, obscure, mute, redact, or otherwise edit an identifiable person or protected material. Permission granted by an entrant or the entrant's parent or legal guardian does not authorize rights belonging to another person or rights in third-party copyrighted, confidential, or otherwise protected material. If editing cannot adequately address a privacy, authorization, or rights concern, BRI will not publicly use the affected portion unless the necessary rights or permissions are obtained. Public-use edits will not affect scoring. Nothing in this provision makes lawful an original recording, disclosure, or use that was unlawful when made.

Collection and Use of Information. BRI collects application information, Submissions, participation acknowledgments, required and optional authorizations, and related records as reasonably necessary to administer the Contest, communicate with entrants and their parents or legal guardians, verify eligibility, judge submissions, award prizes, exercise authorized uses, and meet legal obligations. Access to nonpublic information is limited to authorized personnel, judges, and service providers who need the information for an authorized purpose, subject to appropriate confidentiality, security, access, and deletion requirements. BRI will not sell Contest personal information, use it for targeted advertising, or disclose it to third parties for independent solicitation of entrants or their families.

Financial Information. BRI requests tax and payment information only from selected or confirmed prize winners as needed to administer and process awards. This may include a completed Form W-9 or other applicable tax documentation, taxpayer identification information, and payment or bank account information. BRI uses this information only to verify the payee, process and reconcile payments, complete required tax reporting or withholding, and meet related accounting and legal obligations. Financial information must be submitted through BRI's designated secure process and will not be included in judging materials or public disclosures. Access is restricted to authorized personnel, payment processors, professional advisers, and government authorities as necessary for those purposes or as required by law. BRI does not sell financial information or use it for marketing or publicity.

Retention and Security. BRI will maintain reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards appropriate to the information collected. Raw applications, nonpublic personal information, financial information, and other Contest records will be retained in accordance with the Contest Privacy Notice and applicable recordkeeping requirements. Materials lawfully published or incorporated into Contest recaps, galleries, presentations, publications, or similar Public Contest Showcase materials may be retained and remain publicly available without a fixed expiration date as part of BRI's historical documentation of the Contest, subject to applicable law. BRI may also retain records of licenses, authorizations, awards, prior lawful uses, disputes, and other information reasonably necessary to establish or administer its rights and legal obligations.

Privacy Notices and Contact. BRI's Privacy Policy, available at <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/privacy>, and the Contest Privacy Notice, available for review within the Community Impact Contest submission portal, apply to the Contest. The Contest Privacy Notice describes the information BRI collects and uses in connection with the Contest, the purposes for which it is used, relevant recipient categories, retention practices, applicable privacy rights and choices, and how entrants and parents or legal guardians may submit privacy questions or requests. Privacy questions or requests may be submitted to CommunityImpact@billofrightsinstitute.org. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions limits rights or protections provided by applicable law.

Section VII Contest Administration and Technical Availability

Contest Administration and Decisions. BRI will administer these Terms and Conditions reasonably and in good faith. Good-faith substantive judging decisions are final, subject to applicable law. An entrant or Supporting Teacher may request administrative review of an alleged clerical error, eligibility determination, undisclosed conflict, or material

procedural deviation by contacting CommunityImpact@billofrightsinstitute.org within ten (10) business days after notice of the challenged decision. BRI will review the concern through a person not responsible for the challenged decision where practicable and provide a written response. Administrative review does not permit an entrant to revise or improve a Submission, introduce new information or materials that were required by the submission deadline, or seek reconsideration merely because the entrant disagrees with a judge's substantive evaluation. Nothing in this review process limits rights or remedies available under applicable law.

Technical Availability and Entry Errors. Entrants are encouraged to submit materials before the deadline, retain any submission confirmation received, and promptly report access or submission problems. BRI does not guarantee uninterrupted availability of the Contest portal and is not responsible for technical failures beyond its reasonable control, subject to applicable law. If BRI verifies a material technical failure that affects access to or timely submission through the Contest portal, BRI may provide an alternative submission process, extend an applicable deadline, or take another reasonable corrective action. BRI will seek to apply materially similar remedies to entrants materially affected by the same issue. Approved accessibility accommodations under Section VIII remain available.

Cancellation, Modification, or Delay. BRI may cancel, modify, or delay the Contest when reasonably necessary because of fraud, security incidents, material technical failures, legal requirements, events beyond BRI's reasonable control, or other circumstances that materially impair lawful or fair administration of the Contest. BRI will provide reasonable notice of any material change and, where practicable, explain its effect on existing Entries. BRI will not retroactively change material eligibility or scoring requirements or reduce announced prizes merely for convenience. Where feasible, BRI will judge unaffected eligible Entries and award the advertised prizes. Any necessary disposition of affected Entries or awards remains subject to applicable law.

Section VIII Nondiscrimination and Accessibility

Nondiscrimination. In administering the Contest, BRI will not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law, subject to the lawful eligibility requirements stated in these Terms and Conditions.

Accessibility and Accommodations. BRI will provide reasonable accommodations and effective communication as required by applicable law. Entrants who need an accommodation may contact CommunityImpact@billofrightsinstitute.org as early as reasonably practicable. An approved accommodation may provide an accessible or equivalent method of submitting or presenting required Contest content, provided the accommodation does not fundamentally alter an essential Contest requirement. An approved accommodation will not, by itself, reduce an entrant's score, and the same substantive scoring criteria will apply. Accommodation requests will be handled as privately as reasonably practicable. Entrants should describe the accommodation or access need and should not include diagnoses, medical records, or other unnecessary sensitive health information in materials provided to judges.

Section IX Participant Responsibilities, Limitation of Liability, Governing Law and Venue

Participant Responsibilities. Entrants are responsible for understanding and complying with applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, regulations, and ordinances relating to their project activities. Entrants and the adults responsible for supervising their underlying projects, not BRI, select and carry out those projects and are responsible for appropriate supervision, permissions, lawful recording, and safe practices. Participation in the national Contest does not make BRI the project's director, funder, supervisor, employer, or agent. General educational resources, judging, or a prize do not constitute project-specific approval or supervision. Winners decide independently whether to apply their prizes to project costs. These statements do not change BRI's obligations under a separate written agreement or duties imposed by law.

Limitation of Liability. To the extent permitted by applicable law, BRI and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents will not be liable for indirect, incidental, special, or consequential economic losses arising from participation in or administration of the Contest. This limitation does not exclude or restrict liability for fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence, bodily injury or death, violations of privacy or data-protection rights, payment of a valid awarded prize, or

any liability or remedy that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions releases BRI from liability for its own unlawful acts or shifts responsibility for those acts to an entrant, parent, or legal guardian.

Governing Law. These Terms and Conditions and disputes arising out of or relating to the Contest will be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to its conflict-of-laws principles, except to the extent that this choice of law would deprive a participant of a protection that applicable law does not permit the parties to waive or displace.

Claims and Remedies. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions waives any right or remedy that cannot lawfully be waived, limits a lawful complaint to a government or regulatory authority, or eliminates any remedy required by applicable law. These Terms and Conditions do not require arbitration, or waive class proceedings. No entrant, parent, or legal guardian is required to indemnify BRI as a condition of participation in the Contest.

Venue. Subject to any venue right that cannot lawfully be waived, any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to the Contest must be brought in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Arlington County, Virginia, or, when federal subject-matter jurisdiction exists, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The parties consent to personal jurisdiction in those courts to the extent legally effective. Nothing in this provision creates federal subject-matter jurisdiction where it would not otherwise exist.

Severability. If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that determination will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the affected provision will be enforced or modified only to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid and enforceable, and the remaining Terms and Conditions will remain in effect.