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FCC Jr Update: Orientation Session online, Essay deliverable

All:

Registration has closed for the Future City competitions. We have 10 schools signed up for the Junior competition here in North Texas. You can see the list online at the Junior Team Center: [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_junior.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html).

On that website you will also find the rules and rubrics for the junior program (you should also have received those in a previous email), the schedule and resources for helping with the program.

**WEBINARS:**

NTX JUNIOR COMPETITION OVERVIEW: I have finally finished recording the orientation video for the 2017-18 Junior program. You will find it online on our Future City YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCacW1hQSPRw-wSotEbDlasQ>.

AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES: There is a webinar recording of the essay topic at: <https://youtu.be/j9ATCg7LBhw>.

You can find the links to these webinars and other resources in the Junior Team Center (link in first para).

**DELIVERABLE #1 – ESSAY:**

The essay deadline is 1 December. You can submit it late (by 19 Dec) with a few points deducted. Schedule is online in the Junior Team Center.

Essay topic: Age-Friendly Cities. Resources to help you develop the essay (see [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_junior.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html)) include:

1. Webinar on essay topic
2. Essay references and links
3. Copies of best essays from past Jr Competitions

Please consult the NTX Junior Competition rules for the modifications for the 4-5th grade group (online in the Junior Team Center). In brief: For the Junior competition essay, the max word limit is 1000. You should identify several problems faced by older citizens, then pick the most important and develop one (1) solution for that problem. A suggested outline is included in the Junior Competition rules.

**MODELS:**

Get a head start on collecting your building materials – have students, parents and advisors collect recyclable items and interesting pieces for use in the model. You will want to have a good selection of various sized pieces to work with.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Jill Freer.

Good luck to all the teams – we're looking forward to seeing your future cities!

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