Future City Competition is a project-based learning experience where students imagine, research, design, and build cities at least 100 years in the future. Schools or recognized youth organizations can form teams and have the option to compete in the state competition, which will take place on January 20, 2024 at Dakota County Technical College. Students spend approximately five months completing the following deliverables: a 1,500-word city essay; a scale model of their city built from recycled materials; a four-part project plan; a seven-minute team presentation; and a Q&A session with judges.

2023 Theme: Electrify Your Future

Teams will design a 100% electrically-powered city with energy generated from sources that keep their citizens and the environment healthy and safe. As the need for renewable, reliable, and safe energy sources becomes ever more important, students will collaborate to envision how our cities will be powered in the future.

Student & Teacher Feedback

"It was fun to work in a team and solve problems with communication and reasoning."
"Your first 'outcome' or 'product' will not be your best one"
"Teamwork, organizational, and compromise skills are just as beneficial as the science, research, and engineering concepts learned!"

Registration Information

$25 per school
Registration is open through October 31

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