JUDGING CRITERIA AND AWARDS

Projects will be judged by a team of distinguished professionals and advisors from the industry who are also subject matter experts in their respective fields. All projects are judged against other entries in same grade level and evaluated by at least two judges. The list of judges will be posted after the winners are announced in late August.

The rubric below will be used to evaluate the projects with maximum earned grade of 100 points.

Criteria	Details	Max Points
Creative Idea	Original and creative idea that can improve currently available solutions and standout among other entries.	20
Community Impact	Real and powerful impact on the community, with the potential to address existing local or global problems.	20
Technical Research	In-depth research that shows the details and explanations for the topic of interest and how STEM disciplines are used in the effort. Supported by graphs, data, illustrations or mockups as needed.	20
Quality Report	Report's clarity and quality makes it easy to understand and effectively convey the idea to the judges.	20
Video Journal	Visual synopsis in video format that captures an overall summary of your project.	20

AWARD CATEGORIES

All participants will receive a certificate to recognize their participation in the competition. Two projects from each grade level will be selected as finalists. Individual awards will be given to unique entries in each grade level. Corporate sponsored awards will be presented to students as well.

TOP 10 FINALISTS

Ten finalists (two in each grade level) will be announced out of all submitted projects, and each finalist will receive:
- $100 gift card
- Plaque
- FLASTEM t-shirt
- Recognition on our website and social media

GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Five unique projects ideas submitted by girls (individual or team project by girls) will win special recognition and awards. Each project will win:
- $100 gift card
- Plaque
- FLASTEM t-shirt
- Educational or DIY kit
- Recognition on our website and social media

SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

Individual awards in creativity, community impact, and technical research are given by sponsoring organizations and companies and may include certificates, cash or electronics kits for winners. We will announce these awards during the grand award ceremony.

AWARD CEREMONY

The Grand Award Celebrations will take place at Lakewood High School during early September. All participants and their families will be invited to the event. Confirmed date and time for the event will be announced on our website sometime during early August. The ultimate celebration will bring guest speakers from Tampa Bay Technology companies and startups and provide networking opportunities for the award winners. Five finalists will also have the opportunity to present their projects to the wider audience and will earn recognitions. Lakewood High STEM students will showcase their robotics and programming projects that are done in the schools' state-of-the-art labs. A complete list of activities will be posted ahead of time on our website.