Pitch Your Ideas for Improving Our World: VIRTUAL Competition

At the University of Evansville, we believe everyone is a changemaker. As a high school student, you too can make a difference — big or small. UE’s Changemaker Challenge is designed to motivate young people to take a leading role in identifying and solving challenges in the world around them through innovation and creativity. At UE, we help students understand complex problems and provide them with the knowledge and tools to address those problems with innovative solutions.

GUIDELINES AND REGISTRATION at uehsc.skild.com

Important Dates

- Friday, November 20 — Virtual kick-off Q&A on Zoom. Sign up at evansville.edu/cc-hs
- Friday, December 18 — Virtual support sessions, division-specific. Info on website.
- Tuesday, January 12 — Virtual support session on pitching. Info on website.
- Monday, January 18 — SUBMISSIONS DUE
- Friday, January 22 — Top 20 teams announced.
- Monday, February 1 — Final round, winners announced same day. Save this date in case you are a finalist.

Eligibility

- NEW THIS YEAR: Individual entries only! Since it is not easy nor necessarily safe for students to gather, students must submit their ideas individually. The competition is open to any high school junior or senior in the world with an idea. Questions? Contact uechangemaker@evansville.edu.
- IDEAS NEED TO FALL INTO ONE OF FOUR DIVISIONS: Health, Social Justice, Environmental, or Regional Issues. A winner will be selected from each. Ideas may fall into more than one, but students will need to choose one that best represents their idea.

Support

All teams will receive access to FREE training and connections to UE faculty and staff who can help. Training dates are available at uehsc.skild.com.

Competition

- Round 1: Each student submits up to a two-minute video through the website.
- Round 2: Top 20 students deliver a five-minute pitch to judges in their division.

Prizes

New this year: For each division, renewable each year for four years, the winning students who choose UE as their college destination will receive the following scholarships:

1st place
FULL TUITION†

2nd place
$18,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AND $5,000 HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP

3rd place
$13,000 SCHOLARSHIP AND $5,000 HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP

*Students eligible for more than one UE scholarship will receive the one of highest value.
†Students winning first place will receive a full-tuition scholarship annually for four years. Winner are required to live on campus (otherwise it will be the value of tuition minus $10,000). The student must remain consistently enrolled full-time each semester, maintain satisfactory academic progress toward their degree, display progress toward fulfilling their Changemaker Challenge project goals, and fulfill the two-year residency requirement in on-campus housing. (note: students electing to move off-campus in the third year will be subject to a scholarship reduction). UE admission requirements apply.