



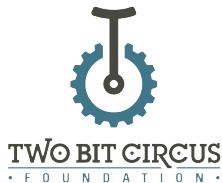
**GAMES FOR CHANGE
STUDENT CHALLENGE**

**G4C Student Challenge
Student Handbook
2022-2023**

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ABOUT

The Games for Change (G4C) Student Challenge is a national game design program and competition that invites students of all experience levels (from game design newbies to self-styled pros) to create digital games inspired by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Challenge includes opportunities for educators and students including workshops, game jams, and a game design competition where students can enter their projects for the chance to win prizes like games, technology, and a \$10,000 scholarship. Outstanding student work is showcased during a celebratory Awards Ceremony at the end of the school year.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Your challenge is to make a game about social impact Themes inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Games can be entered into the student competition in Spring 2023 for the chance to win prizes like games, technology, and a \$10,000 scholarship. Here's what you need to do.

START

- Access the **Student Challenge website**: <https://gamesforchange.org/studentchallenge/>. This will be your greatest resource!
- **Choose a Theme topic**. On the website, check out this year's Theme pages. Here you'll find game design prompts, news articles, and more to help you learn about each topic. Choose one of the following Themes to make your game about:
 - [Climate Action Heroes](#)
 - [Give Peace a Chance](#)
 - [Positive Play: Designing Inclusive Virtual Worlds](#)
- **Explore the Student Resources page**: <https://gamesforchange.org/studentchallenge/student-resources/>
 - Look through the 'Intro to Game Design' guide, with activities and worksheets to help you learn the basics of game design
 - Scroll down to the Game Making tools section. Select a platform to design your game in. You can use Scratch, Unity, Twine, Alice, or any other platform that is free/open source (pro tip: Scratch is great for beginners!)
 - Feel free to use any resources in the Graphics, Sound, or Storyboarding area to help make your game
- **Make your game**. All submissions and submitters must meet the [eligibility requirements](#).
- **Attend a Game Jam**. Rapid prototype a new game or get support on one you've already started making. Game design pros will be there to support you every step of the way. In-person and virtual opportunities are available and will be posted to our [Events](#) page once scheduled.
- **Enter your game into the competition** ([open February 1 - April 18](#)). Submission forms will be available on the competition portal starting February 1: bit.ly/G4C-Competition. Check out the Student Checklist on the next page to make sure you're ready to submit.
- **Keep an eye on your email!** All students will be notified of their standing in the competition in mid-May.

FINISH

COMPETITION CHECKLIST

Ready to submit to the G4C Student Challenge competition? Complete this checklist to make sure you have everything you need to start an entry form!

- ☐ If under 18, get permission to participate from an adult (parent, guardian, teacher).
- ☐ Check the [About the Competition](#) page to see which region you're competing in.
- ☐ If working in a team of 2-4 people, select a Team Leader. This person will complete the entry form and be the point of contact for the team.
- ☐ Identify which email address you want to provide in your submission form. We highly encourage you to use a personal email address if you have one.
- ☐ Double-check your game URL. Send the URL to a friend or family member and ask them to confirm that they can access and play the game.

***NOTE:** If using Scratch, you must select the orange "Share" icon at the top/center of the window so that other people can play your game

- ☐ (Optional) Come up with a "game studio" name for you/your team!
- ☐ (Optional) Identify any additional materials you want to share with judges in your entry form (Ex: storyboard, essay, original artwork, plans for future levels, etc.).
- ☐ Follow the five steps listed on the following page to complete your entry.

SUBMIT YOUR GAME IN 5 STEPS

Ready to submit? Follow these steps to enter the competition! All students will be notified of their standing in the competition in mid-May (keep checking your email!). Winners will be announced live at a virtual Awards Ceremony in June.

#1

Go to the competition portal:

bit.ly/G4C-Competition

#2

Log in or create an account bit.ly/G4C-Competition

#3

Click “My Submissions” on the left-hand toolbar to start a new submission form (or to view and edit one that you’ve already started)

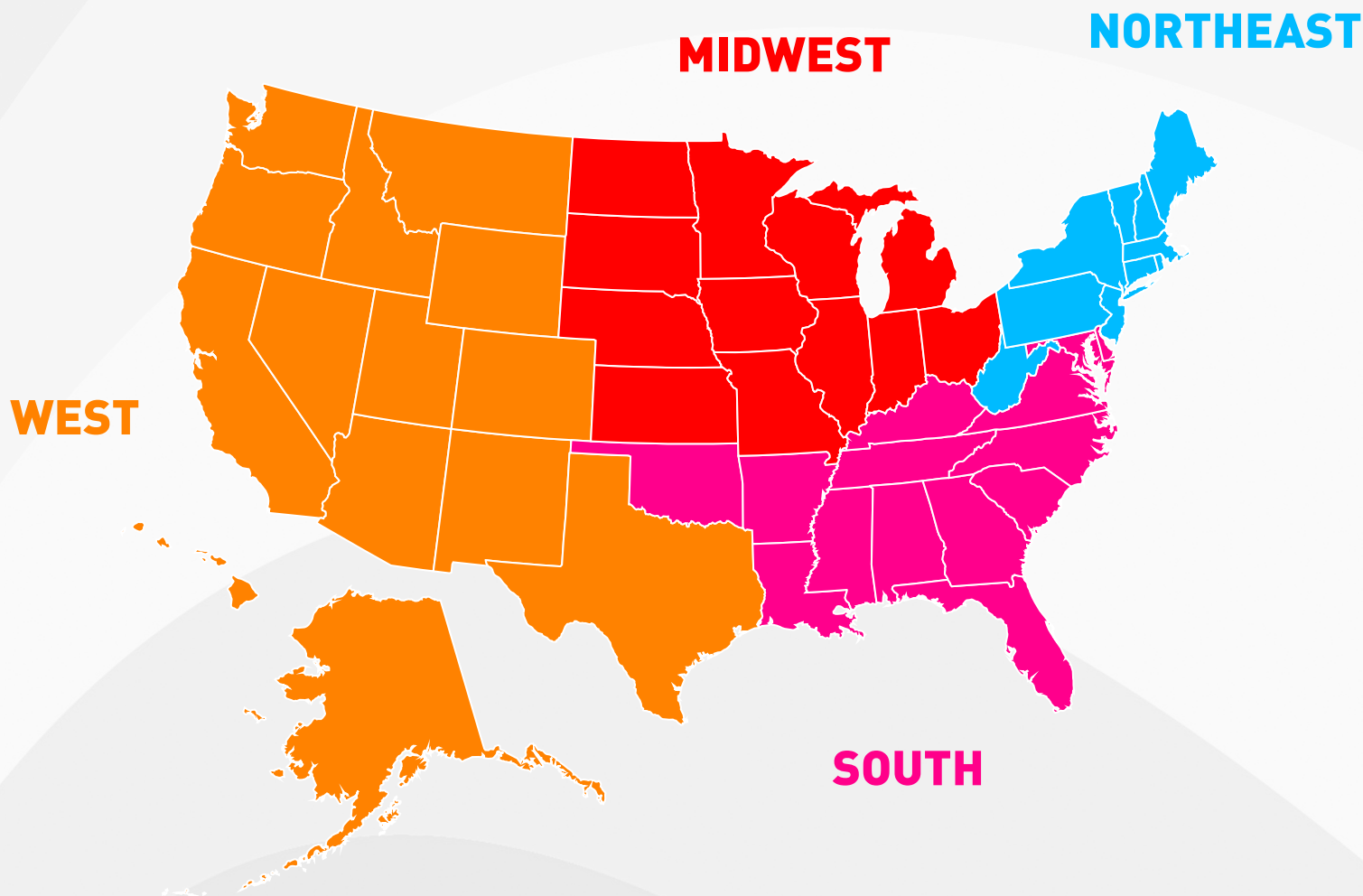
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Answers all questions in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 of the form

#5

Click “Save” to save your progress (if you want to finish the form later)
Click “Save and Finalize” to complete your entry form and enter your game into the competition!

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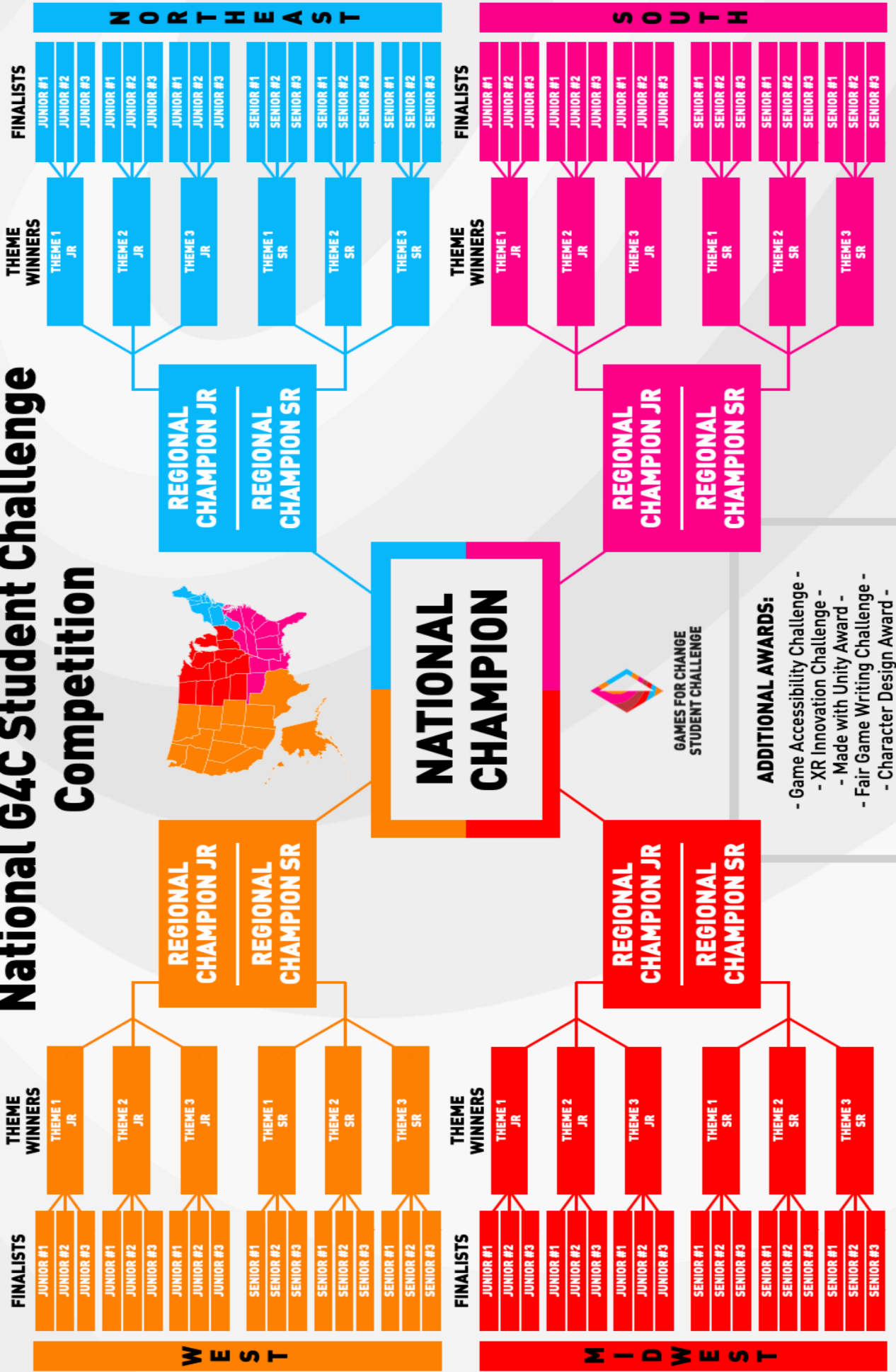
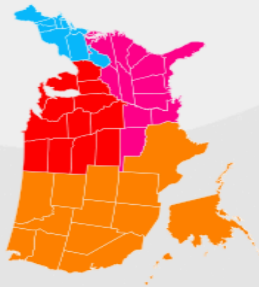
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