

Hatfield Futures

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The Hatfield Futures Project connects youth visionaries, leaders, and thinkers from across the state to create and present innovative solutions for Oregon's most important social, cultural, economic and environmental issues.

What is the Hatfield Futures Project?

Using the year 2050 to spark our collective imagination, the Hatfield Futures Project invites teams of high-school students to envision Oregon's future and generate proposals to address important social, environmental, and economic issues.

During a week-long summer camp at Portland State University, teams will collaborate to craft their vision and proposals and then present those proposals as to community leaders, elected officials, and other members of the community at the Hatfield Futures Showcase. The 2024 Showcase will take place on June 28, 2025.

All travel, lodging, and food costs are covered and students will receive stipends for participating.

Who should apply?

Any high-school student who:

- wants to bring their creative expression to help shape the future
- is passionate about social, economic, and environmental issues, equity, and justice
- is excited to share their ideas
- enjoys collaboration and has an interest in community engagement and activism
- would like to develop their leadership skills and wants their voice to be heard

What can I expect?

- Opportunities to explore future thinking, collaborative problem-solving, and workshop your ideas
- At least one guide to support each team
- Travel and lodging costs are covered
- \$250 Stipend for individual participation

Timeline:

- January 15: Applications due
- January 31: Acceptance emails sent
- June 23-27, 2025: Camp at Portland State University
- June 28, 2025: Showcase at Portland State University

Next Steps:

DUE DATE:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Complete the application using the form linked at the QR code or [bit.ly](https://bit.ly/3YLMYVe). If you are applying with a team, each person should fill out an application separately.

APPLY HERE!



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When is the application due?

Applications are due **Saturday, February 15, 2025.**

How many people will be on a team? How many teams will there be?

Teams will consist of 3 to 5 students. We are looking to form 6 groups from around the state.

Why form teams from around the state?

Creating solutions for our future will require collaboration and relationships between people from all backgrounds, regions, and walks of life. Hatfield Futures brings Oregon youth together in order to embody this.

What if I know people who I want to form a team with?

That's great! If you are applying as a team, each individual must complete the application form. On the form, there is a field which will allow you to share the names of other students on your team.

What if I want to apply alone? Who will my team be?

You don't need to have a team formed to apply. We will review applicants for interests, location, grade level, and other factors for creating balanced teams. From there, we will create teams of individuals best suited for one another. If this will not work for you, you can let us know this on the application form and we can talk more with you about other options.

What does the project entail?

At Camp, teams will craft a vision for the future of a significant social, environmental or economic issue that affects their communities and then develop a detailed proposal for we can move toward that future. Proposals can relate to a wide variety of trends affecting Oregon's future. Examples from last year touched on housing, climate change, pollution, plastics recycling, addiction and more! Teams will craft 'artifacts from the future' and use other creative approaches to develop and present their ideas. At least one guide will be assigned to your team to support your work. On Saturday, all teams present their proposals to a panel of judges comprised of elected officials, community leaders, and Portland State University staff and faculty. Judges will use the same rubrics to evaluate proposals as you are given to guide your work.

If I have further questions, who should I reach out to?

We're always happy to chat about any questions, thoughts, or ideas you have as you're applying. Please reach out to Project Manager Eliot Feenstra at feen@pdx.edu.

I'm interested in sponsoring/being a project guide/getting more info for my child/etc. Who should I talk to?

Email Project Manager Eliot Feenstra at feen@pdx.edu.