

# Hatfield Futures

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The Hatfield Futures Project is a showcase of ideas that connects youth visionaries, leaders, and thinkers from across the state to collaboratively generate and present innovative solutions for Oregon's most important social, cultural, economic and environmental issues.

## Why should I apply?

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

Teams collaborate to dream up forward-thinking ideas and then present those proposals to community leaders, elected officials, and other members of the community at the Hatfield Futures Showcase. The Showcase will also feature youth artists and performers!

In March 2024, teams of students will have the opportunity to present their proposals to policymakers, faculty, and community leaders at Portland State University. All students will receive stipends for participating, hotel, and travel accommodation, as well as media coverage and connections to other leaders to amplify their voices.

## Who should apply?

Any high-school aged youth who:

- is passionate about social, economic, and environmental progress, equity and justice
- is excited to share their ideas - (public speaking doesn't have to be your forte)
- 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
- might want to bring their love of the arts and creative expression to help shape the future

## What can I expect?

- Clear performance rubrics and expectations
- At least one guide to support each team
- Travel and lodging costs covered
- Stipend for individual participation and award for winning team

### Timeline:

- December: Acceptance emails sent
- January: Futures Camp at Portland State University
- March: Showcase at Portland State University

## Next Steps:

**DUE DATE:**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

To be considered, please complete the application form using the form linked at the QR code or [bit.ly](https://bit.ly/45cZpQ5). If you are applying with a team, each person should fill out an application separately.

**APPLY HERE!**



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## **When is the due date for my application?**

Applications are due Friday, November 17.

## **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 around the state?**

The 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?**

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?**

Once we have received all applications, 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. Please note that remote collaboration via Zoom, email, etc. is likely in this instance. If this will not work for you, you can indicate this on the application form and we will work with you to develop other options.

## **What if I want to participate as an artist?**

Please indicate on the application form that you would like to participate as a visual artist or performer. A member of the Hatfield Futures team will contact you!

## **What does the project entail?**

Teams will create a detailed proposal for how to address a pressing social, environmental, or economic issue in 2050 through actions we can take now. Proposals can relate to a wide variety of trends affecting Oregon's future. Examples from last year touched on housing, climate change, pesticide use, consent, mass incarceration, and more! At least one guide will be assigned to your team to support your work. In January, teams will gather in Portland to develop their ideas and connect with each other. In March, teams will travel to Portland for a showcase where they 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 your proposals as you are given to guide your work.

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

With any questions, please reach out to Project Manager Eliot Feenstra at feen@pdx.edu.