

Official Rules

THIS CONTEST WILL BE GOVERNED BY U.S. AND APPLICABLE STATE LAWS. DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE AND NOT LOCATED IN THE SPECIFIED JURISDICTIONS AT TIME OF ENTRY. VOID IN PUERTO RICO, AND WHEREVER PROHIBITED BY LAW. NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

Program Outcome

Each team will create and execute a service learning project for the benefit of a Qualified Organization (must be a current 501(c)(3) and classified as a public charity; School entities are also acceptable) by:

- a) Identifying a need locally, state-wide, or nationally; setting a goal that attempts to solve the problem (help an existing qualified organization or create a project within your school community); developing an action plan to achieve the goal;
- b) Implementing the service project
- c) creating a project video and writing a proposal to request investment funds from Lead4Change to further fund the service project

Eligibility.

Subject to the additional restrictions below, the "THE LEAD4CHANGE PROJECT" (the "PROJECT") is open to legal U.S. residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia who are full-time students in grades 6-12 of a public, private or charter school or homeschool and/or students between the ages of 11 – 18 who are members of a local club or service organization (e.g. Boys & Girls Club, Boy Girl Scouts, Key Club).

Project Entry Period

The Project entry period opens in September and has two deadlines- February and April. Check our website for current dates and deadlines. Entries received after the first deadline will be judged with the second deadline entry.

Getting Started as an Advisor

1. Advisors must be registered at lead4change.org
2. Begin teaching the Learning Modules accessed in the Member Dashboard
3. Create a team in the member dashboard. A team consists of:
 - A minimum of three (3) students with a sponsoring advisor (parent, educator, club leader).
4. Complete the electronic project entry form.

A Project Submission eligible for Lead4Change funding includes:

1. Supporting documents showing evidence of lessons taught
2. A project “one-pager”
3. A project video
4. A written proposal
5. Reflections: 3 student reflections and 1 advisor reflection
6. Identify the recipient of the intended grant funds: the Qualified Organization (including the organization EIN number); or School Name and TIN number. The Qualified Organization must be an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as a public charity under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code) and is described in Section 4945(d)(4)(A)(i) of the Code (a “Qualified Organization”).

All entries must be submitted online and must include, without limitation, the name of the sponsoring parent, teacher, or adult adviser, their email address and phone number, the name and address of the school or club or organization, the number of students completing the lessons and participating in the service project, the Team’s Qualified Organization, along with the additional materials described above. Upon hitting the “submit” button in the entry form, the team’s parent, teacher, or adult adviser electronically signs the entry, verifying the accuracy of the project information and student participation. All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. (E.T.) on the day of the deadline.

All entries must be the sole, original work of the Team members (including the videos, photographs, and written components). The Project judges may disqualify previously entered written components or videos. All standard rules of copyright apply. Sponsor will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected, garbled, inaudible, or illegible entries, or for failure to receive entries due to transmission failures or technical failures of any kind, including, without limitation, malfunctioning of any network, hardware or software, whether originating with sender or Sponsor. All entries become the property of Sponsor and none will be returned.

Copyright By entering the Contest, each Team grants to Sponsor an exclusive, royalty- free and irrevocable right and license to publish, print, edit or otherwise use the Team’s submitted entry, in whole or in part, for any purpose and in any manner or media (including, without limitation, the internet) throughout the world in perpetuity, and to license others to do so, all without limitation or further compensation. Each Team further agrees that if its entry is selected by Sponsor as a winning entry, the Team members will sign any additional license or release that Sponsor may require, and will not publicly perform or display the Team’s submission without the express permission of Sponsor.

Selection of Winners

A judging panel, determined by David Novak Leadership, Inc., will review and judge eligible entries using the Assessment Tool "Lead4Change Project Rating scale".

Winner Notification

Winning advisors will be contacted approximately 30 days after the entry deadline by phone or email during regular business hours. Winning advisor names and schools will be included in a public winner list. Sponsor will contact the teachers or adviser by telephone or email during regular business hours at the number or email address included with the entry. Failure to reach the teacher or sponsoring adult within 10 business days may result in disqualification of the Team, and selection of a substitute winner from among all remaining eligible entries.

After confirming with the winning Teams that they are in compliance with the Official Rules of the Contest, Sponsor will coordinate delivery of the prizes to the Qualified Organizations selected by the winning Teams. The Qualified Organizations supported by the winning Teams may waive their right to receive prizes. Prizes are non-assignable and non-transferable. No substitutions are allowed by the winning Teams or the Qualified Organizations. The Qualified Organizations supported by the winning Teams, the schools, and local clubs and organizations are solely responsible for reporting of any prizes or grants received. Winning Teams and their sponsoring teacher or adult adviser and the parent or legal guardian of Team members may be required to complete (i) an affidavit of eligibility certifying that the Team's submission is the Team's original work, that the Team owns rights to the work, and that the Team has complied with the Official Rules of the Contest, and (ii) a liability and publicity release (except where prohibited by law), which must be executed and returned as instructed. The Qualified Organization may be required to complete documentation required by Sponsor to confirm its 501(c)(3) and public charity status. Failure to sign and return the affidavit or release, any required documentation, or to comply with any terms or conditions of these Official Rules, may result in a winning Team's disqualification, forfeiture of the prize and the award of the prize to an alternate winner. Except where prohibited, acceptance of any prize constitutes consent by each winning Team, by each Qualified Organization selected by a winning Team, by each school and by each local club or organization to the publication of his/her/its names, biographical information and likeness in any and all media now known or hereinafter invented for any commercial or promotional purpose, including, without limitation, the internet without additional compensation. Prizes and grants not won and/or claimed by eligible recipients, in accordance with these Official Rules, will not be awarded and will remain the property of Sponsor. Any prizes or grants unclaimed as of July 31 will not be awarded.