



Student Team Design Competition 2026 EDITION

Introduction

The Great Lakes District's Student Activities Committee proudly presents the 2026 Student Team Design Competition! The Competition is open for all students who will be attending the 2026 Great Lakes District Student Leadership Summit (SLS) held July 17th-18th in Detroit, MI.

This competition allows student members to tackle a topic as a project team and present their solutions to a panel of professionals during the Great Lakes Annual Meeting. Teams of 3 to 6 students will be formed. The team will organize themselves with one member designated as the project leader. The project topic will be revealed to all student teams in April in a joint webinar. The team will have until the Annual Meeting to research the topic, develop their solution, and prepare their presentation.

If students desire, they can join with another student chapter to form a project team. If a chapter does not have enough interested students to form a team on their own, please let the Committee know and we can connect those students to another chapter to form a team.

The project specifics and topic will be given to interested student teams during a kickoff webinar in April.

When/Where?

Presentations will be held during the Student Leadership Summit held July 17th-18th.

Eligibility

Any team of ITE student members. Teams are comprised of up to 6 students, the same school can submit multiple teams, and teams can be made up of more than one school.

Recognition and Awards

The group of students that presents a response and/or solution judged to be the most outstanding by a committee of judges will receive \$500 to their Student Chapter.

How do I participate?

If you are interested just fill out the google form below prior to **April 1, 2026** so that we can form teams and distribute the project topic. Please send any questions or concerns to **Tyler Krage** (kragetyler@gmail.com) and **Ann Stewart** (ann.stewart@state.mn.us) Pre-registration is required.

Google Form Team Sign-up <https://forms.gle/qt1azqEoqesNr6sS9>

General Rules

1. This will be a “shark tank” style competition.
2. A dedicated session will be provided for the student project teams to “pitch” their solution to the sharks (judges) in a presentation type format.
3. The sharks will evaluate the presentation and pitch using the criteria below,
5. Awards: First Place - The group of students that presents a response and/or solution judged to be the most outstanding by a committee of judges will receive \$500 to their Student Chapter.
6. Presentation Rules:
 - Electronic presentation in PowerPoint format
 - Accommodations can be made for Students not attending the SLS
 - Slide presentation will be limited to 5-10 minutes. The presentations will be followed by questions from a distinguished panel of members/officers