

# **Entry Guidelines**

The LINK STEM Innovation Challenge

### ABOUT THE STEM CHALLENGE

The **Link STEM** Innovation Challenge hosted by Airlink is for tenth grade scholars who perform excellently in pure mathematics & physical science. Teams made up of 4 grade 10 scholars are tasked to design and build an innovative solution model for a problem in their community using processes learnt in their STEM classrooms. The challenge will be hosted **at a venue near you on 12 April 2019.** 

## **DESIGN CHALLENGE**

How can we use STEM to provide solutions for our daily trials?

### **DESIGN BRIEF**

We want you to identify a problem in your community. It can be related to energy, waste, transportation, vegetation, health, energy, communication, education, sanitation etc. Now imagine a creative idea on how to solve this problem and design the solution using Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics. Explain why it's important that this problem be solved. Models submitted should address the design challenge and be accompanied by a presentation on the design.

- Material used should not cost more than R500.00
- Brief meeting for schools: 12 February 2019
- Registration Deadline: 12 March 2019
- The Challenge is scheduled for 12 April 2019 and will run from 8:00am



### **PROJECT SCOPE**

There is a national crisis in education, such that Airlink struggles with hiring and retaining employees with scarce and critical skills, this situation is exacerbated by the considerable barriers to learning such as a lack of facilities and resource. Airlink believes that if scholars are exposed to aviation careers at a young age an interest which will lead to knowledge searching will develop, regardless of circumstances.

## **PROJECT APPROACH**

- Challenge entrance will be limited to 15 teams.
- There is no competition entrance fee.
- Teams will have to source their own Model materials
- The deadline to submit a report on the solution and an entry form is 4 weeks prior to the event.
- Teams will present the solution on activation day in their area.
- The model must be portable.
- Teams must participate in the Innovation Challenge Day.
- Finalists will have to attend 'THE LINK' Career day.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- The challenge is open to teams of scholars in grade 10
- 4 members per team
- 50% female per team
- Must be from public schools
- All entrants to this challenge must be R.S.A. Citizens
- Must have enrolled for Pure Mathematics and Physical Science
- Must be born in 2003 or 2004
- Must have a 65% average minimum on last school report

If the team/one member of the team does not meet any of the above, or cannot prove any of the above, the entire team will be disqualified.

## **IDEAS**



**Food security** 



**Constructing a rocket** 



**Apps for transportation** 



**Water purification** 



Windmill for energy production Energy preservation



**Architecture** 

## **PARTICIPANT LOGISTICS**

(please tick box where criteria has been met)

Participant is in grade 10	
Participant is enrolled for pure maths and physical science	
Participant average is more than 65% and the last report is submitted	
The signed guardian consent form is submitted	
Participant is a South African Citizen born in 2003 or 2004 and Birth Certificate is submitted	

### **EDUCATOR**

It is recommended that each high school has a teacher or staff member as the school coordinator for contact between The Link, district & participating team. They may also provide guidance to the team, manage timelines and expectations. The coordinators will be responsible for making sure their team is eligible to enter, meets the deadlines, understand the design challenge and brief and that a project's scope is manageable under the given timeframe.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Who is your design for?
- How will it be used?
- What STEM processes did you use? How might it be maintained over time?
- How will you measure success?
- How is it sustainable?
- · What would it cost?
- How will your design inspire scholars to engage in STEM?

Interested schools should send queries to tmigogo@flyairlink.com
Tel: 011 451 7489

## JUDGING CRITERIA

- Each team is allocated a maximum of 50 points
- **The big idea:** Here's where your team demonstrates the application of design thinking
- Fulfilling the brief: Does your model address the design challenge
- **Inventiveness:** Have you found a unique solution to the challenge?
- Look and feel: Was it beautifully crafted? Does it engage the senses?
- **Design to Reality:** Do you have a viable solution? Will the idea work in reality?
- Creativity: Does the design demonstrate innovation. Is it genius?
- **Presentation:** How will you demonstrate the problem and get other people excited about said solution?
- **Teamwork = Dreamwork:** Show how teammates equally contributed to the conceptualisation, design and production of the big idea.
- **Technology focus:** What engineering went into the conceptualisation and production of the big idea?
- **Impact:** How great of an impact will your device have on a population or an individual's quality of life?

## **Tips & Tricks**

- Explain how your idea is possible and why it will work – you can even include a diagram if that helps.
- Describe who's involved in making your solution a reality.
- Would different experts, businesses, governments or technologies need to work together to make your solution happen?
- Describe who this solution will benefit (this can include people, businesses, animals, or even particular groups (the elderly,students, families etc.
- Tell us about the research you did. Reference the sources you used during your research, and any scientific theories that support your idea

## **SUBMISSION DETAILS**

Please choose one of the following reporting mechanisms describing your solution, how it answers the brief/meets the challenge, user experience with your design, what you learnt through the design experience and what your inspiration was.



A 3 minute video clip



A PowerPoint presentation (10 Slides max & not larger than 5mb)



A storyboard



A typed descriptive statement (3 pages max & not larger than 5mb)

To enter the competition, you must submit a completed entry form to Tmigogo@flyairlink.com and visit www.flyairlink.com

The deadline for all entries is 12 March 2019

## **INVENTION DRAFT EXPLANATION**

(No more than 1 page)

## **ENTRY FORM**

## The LINK STEM Innovation Challenge

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