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NTX FCC Update: Essay last call; Models, presentations and expenses

All:

Hope you had a great holiday season. But, now it's time to get back to work (sigh).

I'll be sending several of these updates in the next couple of weeks – up to the competition date. This one, though, is short-and-sweet.

ESSAY FINAL DEADLINE 9 JAN: Last day to submit essay and narrative files is 9 January. Upload your files through the Team Center: www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html. And, don't forget the essay and narrative forms (electronic copies available online).

EXPENSES – MODEL MATERIALS AND PRESENTATION AIDS: I've been getting questions about allowable model materials and expenses. Basically, it's very simple – if it comes out of the recycle bin (plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans), it's \$0. If it doesn't, there is a cost. New items should have a receipt (or copy of a receipt) stapled to the Expense Form. Used, borrowed or donated items should have a cost listed equivalent to what you would expect to pay for the item at a garage sale or on ebay.

No perishable items can be used on the model. No Jello, no pets, etc. Water is okay – but it needs to be contained within the size limitations of the model (and don't forget to consider the weight ... the kids need to be able to move the model to the presentation table).

Photos of past models are on the website: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html - look under "where to find out more."

Materials used in the presentation must also be included in the expense calculation. These include costume items, visual aids, pointers, handouts, team tshirts (not the FC tshirts we will give you, but any you may purchase/create for the presentation), and any other items used during the presentation.

Remember, the limit on expenses is \$100 and we will check them for completeness and accuracy/reasonableness.

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