

2024-25 PLTW Community Impact Awards

The 2024-25 [PLTW Community Impact Award nomination portal](#) opens on Monday, January 6, 2025, and closes on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Overview

Students are the future leaders of our communities and our world, and the choices they make today will have a lasting impact on the world around them. By taking an active role in their communities, students can begin to make a positive impact right now.

There are many ways that students can positively impact their communities. This could be through delivering a service, creating a product, or making something more accessible to everyone. The PLTW Community Impact Awards recognize PLTW students for applying the skills learned in their PLTW classroom in the real world, and most importantly, for making an impact on those around them.

Eligibility

PLTW middle and high school students are eligible for a PLTW Community Impact Award. Projects may be led by individual students or by groups of students.

We'll select a 2024-25 Community Impact Award middle school winner and a 2024-25 Community Impact Award high school winner. We will consider nominations from any middle or high school PLTW program.

Award

We will notify winners in April 2025, and publicly recognize award winners beginning in May 2025. Community Impact Award winners will receive:

- A plaque and PLTW gift recognizing the recipient's outstanding achievement.
- A celebratory recognition event.
- Public recognition of the recipient's award through PLTW's website and communications.

Award recipients also have the opportunity to:

- Be featured in PLTW stories, promotions, and communications.
- Be recognized and honored at PLTW events.

Nomination Process

PLTW teachers or administrators may submit a nomination through the [PLTW Community Impact Award nomination portal](#). **The nomination portal opens on Monday, January 6, 2025, and closes on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET.** PLTW won't accept late nominations or incomplete submissions. You must complete nominations by Friday, February 28, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

To get started on a submission:

1. Log in to the [2024-25 PLTW Community Impact Awards Portal](#).
 - a. If you need to create a log-in, click **Submit Nomination** and then **'Need to create an account?'**. Then fill out the form in its entirety.
2. Make sure you have all the information needed to complete your nomination. See the [nomination worksheet](#) for a list of required fields.
3. Select **Submit Nomination**.
4. Fill out the nomination in its entirety.
 - a. Should you need to stop in the middle of your nomination and wish to continue your submission later, select **Save**.
 - b. The 2024-25 PLTW Community Impact Award portal closes **Friday, February 28, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. You cannot submit your nomination after that time.
5. Once you've entered all information, select **Submit**.
6. Congratulations on submitting a nomination!

Nomination Review & Criteria for Selection

A working group of PLTW team members will review nominations. Reviewers will score each section of the submission separately, assigning each section a score between zero and five points, with the sections weighted as shown below.

Section	Weighting
Impact	25%
Leadership & Collaboration	25%
Solution Design	25%
Sustainability	15%
Overall Impression	10%

Criteria for selection

Reviewers will score nominations based on the extent which submissions address the questions listed in each of the following sections of the nomination form: Impact, Leadership & Collaboration, Solution Design, and Sustainability. Please see the [nomination worksheet](#) for the full list of submission requirements and a description of each section that will be scored during review.

The overall impression score will be based on reviewers' assessment of the extent to which the nomination meets the purpose of the PLTW Community Impact Award in terms of showcasing students as community leaders, connecting students' PLTW skills to project impacts, and including PLTW coursework as a substantial component of the project.

Need More Information?

If you have questions about the PLTW Community Impact Awards, please see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document. The PLTW Solution Center is also available to answer questions 24 hours a day and 7 days a week at 877.335.7589 or solutioncenter@pltw.org.