



The New York Times Learning Network 2025-26 Student Contest Calendar



Growing Up With A.I.: A Multimedia Contest | Sept. 10-Oct. 22, 2025

Show us — in words, images, audio or video — how the rise of artificial intelligence is affecting the generation in high school now. Both students and educators may participate.

100-Word Personal Narrative Contest | Oct. 22-Dec. 3, 2025

In 100 words or fewer, tell a powerful story about a meaningful life experience.

'Local Lens' Photo Essay Contest | Dec. 3, 2025-Jan. 14, 2026

Create a photo essay that spotlights some aspect of life in the place you live.

'My List' Review Contest | Jan. 14-Feb. 25, 2026

Choose any collection of three to five works of art or culture to group in some way, and then tell us why we should — or shouldn't — check them out.

Open Letter Contest | Feb. 25-April 8, 2026

Write a letter to a specific person or group that persuades them to make a change on an issue that matters to you.

Podcast Contest | April 8-May 13, 2026

Make an original podcast of no more than five minutes that informs or entertains listeners.

Summer Reading Contest | June 5-Aug. 14, 2026

Every week for 10 weeks we ask, "What got your attention in The Times recently?" Answer in writing or video.

Weekly Current Events Conversation | All School Year

Respond to our daily writing prompts. Each week we publish a selection of student comments.

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