



2025 - 2026 FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE Middle School Challenge 1: "Phipps' Fairchild Climate Tails"



Maximum points for challenge: 200 points

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

- One set of three to ten sculptures of animals made from "found objects," litter or recycled materials
- An original 1-2 page typed (3-6 page handwritten) essay about each animal sculpture

Criteria	Max. Points	Judge 1 Initials:	Judge 2 Initials:	Judge 3 Initials:	Judge 4 Initials:
Relevance to Theme					
• Each sculpture and write-up reflects research on a particular pet, farm animal, or Pennsylvania fauna • Sculptures are made from "found objects," litter or recycled materials.	20				
Artistry / Technique					
• Sculptures display originality and creativity in design • Resourcefulness in use of materials • Sculptures represent chosen animal with biologic accuracy • Sculptures demonstrate neatness and attention to detail.	80				
Research / Analysis					
• Short essay about the animal you chose that raises awareness about how it is impacted by climate change • Short essay includes research of at least 3 specific ways to take action/solutions/how humans can help • Write-up demonstrates careful research that is free from errors and cites 3 relevant sources. • Short essay is an original piece of writing, free from AI (ChatGPT, etc.)	80				
TOTAL	180				

Comments: _____

School:

Student(s):

Requirements

(20 points)

Each sculpture is clearly labeled with **school name (no acronyms, please) and student(s) names**

3 points _____

Each sculpture is no larger than 5" x 5" x 5" and 2 lbs.

6 points _____

Essay is **1-2 type pages (3-6 pages handwritten)** in length

6 points _____

Bibliography citing at least 3 sources following MLA or APA format is included

4 points _____

Submitted on time (late entries may not receive points)

1 points _____

Meets Requirements (circle one): Y / N

_____ points

1. **AVERAGE: JUDGES' SCORES FROM SUBTOTALS** _____

2. **TOTAL SCORE: ADD REQUIREMENTS TO AVERAGE** _____

Award Placement: Please specify that rationale for awarding this entry.