



2025 - 2026 FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE High 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	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4:
		Initials:	Initials:	Initials:	Initials:
Relevance to Theme	20				
• 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.					
Artistry / Technique	80				
• 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.					
Research / Analysis	80				
• 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.)					
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 20 points

1. AVERAGE: JUDGES' SCORES FROM SUBTOTALS _____

2. TOTAL SCORE: ADD REQUIREMENTS TO AVERAGE _____

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