

SLINGSHOT CHALLENGE

How are you taking aim at a better tomorrow?
Share your one-minute video.

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www.SlingshotChallenge.org

1. **Sign up** at SlingshotChallenge.org to register for the challenge, join our community and receive challenge updates. If you're under 18, you'll need to enter a parent/guardian email address and get their consent to participate.

2. **Get inspired!** Research an environmental issue in your community and check out what our National Geographic Explorers and past Slingshot Challenge Award Recipients are doing for a better tomorrow.

3. **Imagine a better future.** Visit our Challenge Resources to download the toolkit and sign up for a workshop. Begin to research and design an impactful solution.

4. **Create a 1-minute video** that brings attention to your chosen issue, explains your solution idea, and inspires others to join you.

5. **Share your video** with the National Geographic Society and the world by submitting at Slingshot.VideosforChange.org by **February 5, 2027** for a chance to receive up to $10,000 in funding to further your journey. Award recipients will be announced **May, 2027.**

Requirements for Your Video

- Your video must be no longer than one minute
- Your video must be in English or Spanish
- You can film on any equipment, including your phone
- Files must be no larger than 200MB
- All content must be original or copyright-free

Your Team and Your Project

- You can work by yourself or in a team of up to six members
- Everyone on your team must be 13–18 years old at the time of submission
- Your solution must address a problem in your community related to one or more of the environmental topic areas listed below. For returning participants, It can be a new idea, or you can resubmit a previous idea you've developed further.

FIND YOUR FOCUS

- Clean **the Air**
- Restore **the Ocean**
- Protect **Nature**
- Reduce **Waste**
- Address **Climate Change**

Questions? Email Slingshot@ngs.org

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Identify Your Issue.
Create Your Solution.
Share Your Story.

Follow the links below to resources that you can use to plan your Slingshot Challenge solution and video.

You only have one minute to show how *you* plan to change the world—these resources will help you make your minute count.

Defining Your Community Issue: Use this worksheet to focus on an environmental issue that is important in your community.

Designing Your Solution: What can be done in your community to address the root causes of this problem?

Impact Template: What impacts will your solution have on the environment? What impacts will it have on people?

Focus Sheet: Once you have your problem and solution outlined, use this sheet to outline your story. What do people need to know?

Storyboard: Use this template to plan out the shots in your story. What will viewers see? What will they hear? How will they feel the importance of your issue?

Selection Criteria: This checklist is the same tool the panelists use for video selection. Use it to review your video.

More Support:

Visit the Resources page to sign up for live coaching sessions with National Geographic Explorers and get more tips and guidance.

Want to make a great Slingshot Challenge video? Check out Selection Criteria Explained for some terrific examples of past videos.

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