

MY MARIANAS 2040

STUDENT GUIDELINES

Your Ideas. Our Future.

Main Prompt: What do you imagine The Marianas could be like in 2040? How could your idea help make the Marianas a better place to live, work, and visit?

1. About the Activity

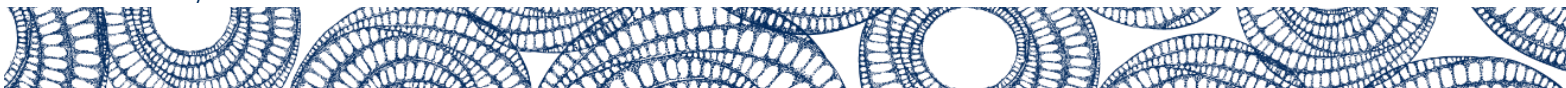
My Marianas 2040 invites students to think boldly and creatively about the future of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the wider Marianas. Ideas may address culture, environment, education, jobs, technology, transportation, energy, safety, resilience, community life, the ocean, tourism, inter-island connections, new products, services, experiences, or another part of the future students hope to inherit.

2. Key Dates and Contact

Official Launch	September 21, 2026
Submission Deadline	October 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ChST
Online Forms	Complete the Entry Form and each required Consent and Release Form through the official activity webpage.
Submit Student Work To	marketing@mymarianas.com
Questions	MVA Marketing (670) 664-3200
Activity Webpage	www.mymarianas.com

3. Who May Participate

- Students enrolled in Grades 9-12 during the 2026-2027 school year at a public or private school in Saipan, Tinian, or Rota.
- Students may enter individually or as a team of up to three eligible students.
- Each student may participate in only one submission, either individually or as a member of one team.
- Students may participate directly. Teacher nomination, school endorsement, or prior registration through a school is not required.
- School or teacher support is encouraged but optional.



4. Choose a Submission Format

Format	Suggested Guidance
Essay	Suggested 500-1,000 words; submit as PDF or Word.
Poster / Concept Board	A clearly labeled visual concept with a short written explanation; submit as PDF, JPG, or PNG.
Short Video	Suggested length 1-3 minutes; submit a working Google Drive, OneDrive, or unlisted YouTube link.
Presentation Slides	Suggested 5-8 slides; submit as PDF or PowerPoint.
Artwork / Visual Concept	Submit a clear scan or photograph plus a suggested 100-250 word explanation; PDF, JPG, or PNG.
Community Project Idea	A practical concept that could improve the Marianas by 2040; submit as a short PDF, Word document, or presentation.

The suggested lengths above help students plan their work. They are not separate judging criteria. Entries are evaluated on the strength and clarity of the student idea, not the cost or technical quality of production.

5. Language

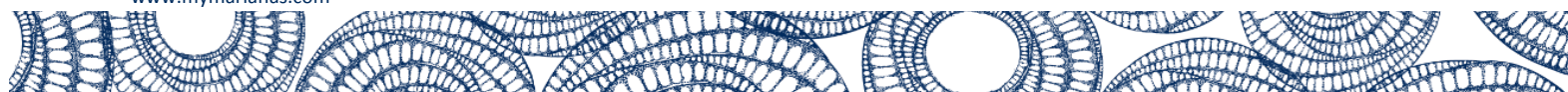
Entries should primarily be submitted in English. Chamorro or Carolinian/Refaluwasch language content is welcome. When another language is used, include an English summary, translation, or subtitles so all judges can evaluate the entry consistently.

6. AI Use and Originality

- AI is not a separate submission category and does not automatically add or deduct points.
- Students must check Yes or No on the Entry Form to disclose whether AI was used.
- If AI was used, identify the tool and briefly explain how it helped, such as brainstorming, language editing, image assistance, research organization, or technical support.
- The main idea, decisions, and final explanation must reflect the student's or team's own thinking.
- Every submission must include the student's or team's electronic originality certification in the online Entry Form.

7. Required Submission Components

- A completed online My Marianas 2040 Entry Form for the individual or team.
- The completed student work, emailed separately to MVA Marketing as an attachment or accessible viewing link.



- A completed online Consent and Release Form for every participating student. A parent or guardian must complete it for a student under age 18; a student age 18 or older may complete it for themselves.
- Any required English summary, translation, or subtitles included with the student work.

8. How to Submit

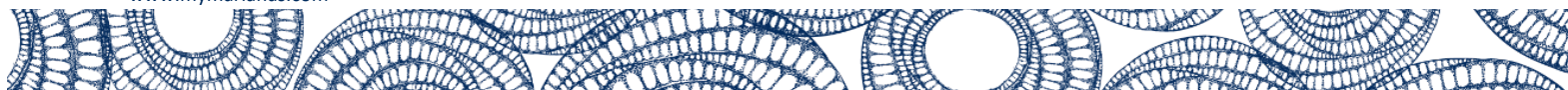
1. Visit the official My Marianas 2040 activity webpage and review these Student Guidelines.
2. Complete and submit the online Entry Form. Save the Submission ID if one is provided.
3. Complete one online Consent and Release Form for each participant. A parent or guardian must complete it for a student under age 18; a student age 18 or older may complete it for themselves.
4. Email the student work to marketing@mymarianas.com by October 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ChST. Use the subject: My Marianas 2040 Entry - Student or Team Name - Entry Title. Include the Submission ID if one was provided.
5. Attach documents and images directly. For video or large files, provide a Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox, or unlisted YouTube link with viewing access enabled through the judging period. Do not require MVA to request access.

9. Judging Criteria

Criterion	What Judges Will Consider	Points
Vision and Future Thinking	Clearly imagines the Marianas in 2040.	20
Creativity and Originality	Presents a fresh, thoughtful, or imaginative idea.	20
Connection to the Marianas	Reflects local identity, culture, environment, community, or island life.	20
Clarity and Quality of Presentation	Communicates the central idea clearly with appropriate grammar, spelling, layout, or editing for the selected format.	20
Community and Destination Benefit	Shows potential value for residents, students, culture, the environment, the visitor experience, or the long-term development of the Marianas.	20

All eligible entries will use the same 100-point rubric. Judges will evaluate the student idea and expression rather than equipment, production expense, or English fluency.

10. Recognition



- The three highest-scoring submissions will be recognized as First Place, Second Place, and Third Place.
- Each member of a selected team will receive an individual MVA certificate.
- Selected work may be featured through appropriate MVA channels and a small recognition activity, subject to parent/guardian permissions.

11. What Happens After the Competition

- All eligible submissions will be organized by topic and summarized in a Youth Ideas Summary.
- Winning submissions and other concepts identified as potentially feasible or especially relevant may receive additional MVA review.
- Selected ideas may be considered as input for future tourism programs, destination enhancements, visitor experiences, youth and community engagement activities, or other relevant MVA initiatives.
- Submission, recognition, or further review does not guarantee adoption, funding, endorsement, compensation, or implementation.

12. Important Requirements

- Entries must be complete, original, appropriate for a school and public audience, and received by the deadline. An entry is complete only when MVA has received the online Entry Form, every required Consent and Release Form, and the student work.
- MVA may contact students, parents/guardians, or schools to verify information or request an accessible file.
- Incomplete, inaccessible, or late submissions may be found ineligible.
- Student ideas remain student ideas and are not automatically approved MVA policy or funded projects.
- Students retain ownership of their original work and grant MVA non-exclusive permission to review, preserve, display, and promote submitted work as authorized in the participation forms.

