

Santa Barbara County 2021 HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. *How can you sign up to participate in this Design Competition?*

It is easy, just register online here and you will receive an invitation to join the Zoom Kick-Off meeting.

2. *Where will the competition take place?*

At home. You will have several days, from Thursday to Tuesday, to work on your design at home, using whatever materials and ideas you have available. Have fun with it!

3. *What can I expect at the Zoom Kick-Off meeting?*

A competition organizer will present the design problem. This will be a “site plan” and a “design program.” The site plan will explain where the location of the new building is (the building you will design), and the design program will explain the function and parts of the new building. The program may ask you to design more than one building on the site. Of course, the new building or buildings might be an outdoor space, such as a skate park or a botanic garden or a playground, or some other designed space. The “parts” of the new building will each be explained. Your task, during the competition, will be to decide what each part should be like, and arrange them together to make an interesting set of spaces and offer a great experience for the users of your design. After the organizer presents the design problem, you will have an opportunity to ask questions.

4. *What do I do during the Competition?*

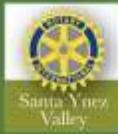
This is an opportunity to think about and organize space and to imagine future users of the space. During the competition, once you know the design problem, you should think about what the new building should look like and how it will function. If a home, where should the kitchen be? How large should it be? What color should the walls be? Should the kitchen have a patio or porch to eat outside? Should the ceiling be high or low? Should the kitchen be next to a game room, a bedroom, a bathroom, a swimming pool? There is no end to what you can imagine as you visualize what these new spaces should be like.

Draw as you think! The AFSB website explains some useful drawing techniques, including simple bubble diagrams and sketches that help you work through an architectural problem. Use whatever materials you like to use. Watercolors, color pencils, or just a regular pencil. Make it fun. Once the Kick-Off meeting starts, the site plan and design program will be available for you to access and download from the AFSB website. You can print the site plan and draw directly on it.

By the deadline you must take photographs of your drawings, or scan them, and upload them to the AFSB website. instructions will be made available at the Kick-Off meeting.

You will be expected to draw a site plan, floor plan and elevation (vertical view) to scale. You can do this with drafting tools or freehand. The site plan will have a grid of squares on it, and a graphic scale, so you can use that to achieve an approximate scale. Since you will be drawing at home, we expect you to use whatever tools and techniques you have available. We do not expect every competitor to draw the same way or use the same tools. We expect you to tackle this project in a way that makes sense to you. We have volunteers available to help you with things like scale, so feel free to contact us!

There is some helpful information on the Architectural Foundation’s website.



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5. *What if I don't know anything about drafting, scale, design or architecture but I really want to design a building? or How can I prepare for this event?*

Well, glad you asked that. There are two ways you could prepare for this design competition.

- Go to the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara website. This will get you to some how-to videos. They will introduce you to basic ideas about design, creativity drawing and presentation and scale.
- Contact the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara office
805.965.6307 or email info@afsb.org

AFSB will put you in contact with an architect volunteer before or during the competition to help you. The Architectural Foundation's mission is educational, so please feel free to reach out for help.

6. *What is in it for me?*

A "Certificate of Participation" will be issued to all designers completing the design.

The 12 finalists will have an opportunity to win awards and cash prizes as follows:

First Place	\$ 300.00
Second Place	\$ 200.00
Third Place	\$ 150.00
Honorable Mention	\$ 100.00
Finalist	\$ 50.00

7. *Who is responsible for this event?*

The Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara partners with local organizations to make this competition possible:

- Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club
- Santa Barbara Rotary Club
- Santa Barbara County Education Office, Regional Occupation Program

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