

Counselor Corner

Week of November 30, 2020

TRY for the Environment: seeking students in grades 7-12 who are interested in teaching environmental lessons to younger students!

Applications for Session 2 are due no later than January 15, 2021.

[Learn more here.](#)

Youth Environmental Summit: this program has ended but there are tons of workshops that are pre-recorded and available for use with your students. Reach out to Lauren.Traister@uvm.edu if interested in accessing them.

Babysitting: The Youth Babysitting course is designed to help youth in grades 5-8 learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable, and safe babysitter. [Learn more here.](#)

Virtual Teen Science Cafes: there are still a few more left this year with more coming in 2021!

Dec 2: Three Dimensional (3D) Cell Culture: Why Flat Stanley is a Great Learning Tool...But Not for Studying Cells

Dec 9: Breaking Bad: DNA Double Strand Break Repair with DNA Polymerase Theta

Dec 16: Biomimetic Membranes and Nanotechnology

The program is FREE but **registration is required.** [Click here to register.](#)

Watch **recordings of past science cafes** on the [University of Vermont 4-H YouTube channel](#). Click on the "Teen Science Cafes" playlist.

More programs will be announced soon for 2021 - so stay tuned!

Book mark our site: www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements and "like us" on Facebook (Vermont 4-H) to stay connected and informed.

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Sanders Announces Eleventh Annual State of the Union Essay Contest

BURLINGTON, November 24 — Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) has launched his eleventh annual State of the Union essay contest.

Each January, the President of the United States delivers the “State of the Union” address to a joint session of Congress, which outlines priorities for the coming year. Because Senator Sanders knows that great ideas can come from everyone – not just those in power – and wants to encourage young people to become engaged in the political process, he created the State of the Union Essay Contest. The contest is an opportunity for Vermont high school students to describe a major issue facing our country and propose what they would do to solve it.

The 250-500 word essays can be on any issue of national importance. A volunteer panel of Vermont teachers will judge the essays on the students’ ability to articulate an issue and propose a solution, without regard to the students’ political views. Senator Sanders will enter the essays of the ten finalists into the Congressional Record – the official archive of the U.S. Congress.

“I started this essay contest 11 years ago to help our students be actively engaged, no matter where they stand on the issues,” said Sanders, who serves on the Senate education committee. “This year, our state and nation face a health and economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with a renewed fight for racial justice. Many of you have seen family members struggle because of lost wages or health concerns, you have been asked to learn online, and you face a future that may feel uncertain. To my mind, the unprecedented nature of this time makes it more important than ever to hear perspectives and innovative ideas from you, our young people.”

More than 4,600 students from high schools throughout Vermont have written essays in the past ten years about critically important issues, including climate change, access to mental health care, the rising cost of college, and much, much more. Last year, Isabelle Hiller from Woodstock Union High School was selected as the winner from 536 submissions for her essay on criminal justice reform.

The deadline for student essay submissions is Jan. 12, 2021. More information can be found on Sanders' Senate webpage at <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/stateoftheunion> or by calling (800) 339-9834.

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The Askable Adult Training of Trainers Program - paid youth internship with Mosaic Vermont.

About the Program:

The Askable Adult Training of Trainers is a comprehensive paid youth internship program for high schoolers in Washington county, designed to support a small cohort of youth leaders to build the skills necessary to lead trainings in their communities that will help adults collaborate more equitably and effectively with youth, especially around sexual violence prevention. Selected students will receive \$50 for completing the initial training program and another \$50 for successfully organizing an Askable Adult training in their community.

The program will begin in January 2021 and run through Spring 2021 with the final schedule based on student's availability. ***The application deadline is Monday, December 14th at midnight.*** Students can apply at bit.ly/askableadultapply

Vermont Tech Virtual Open House

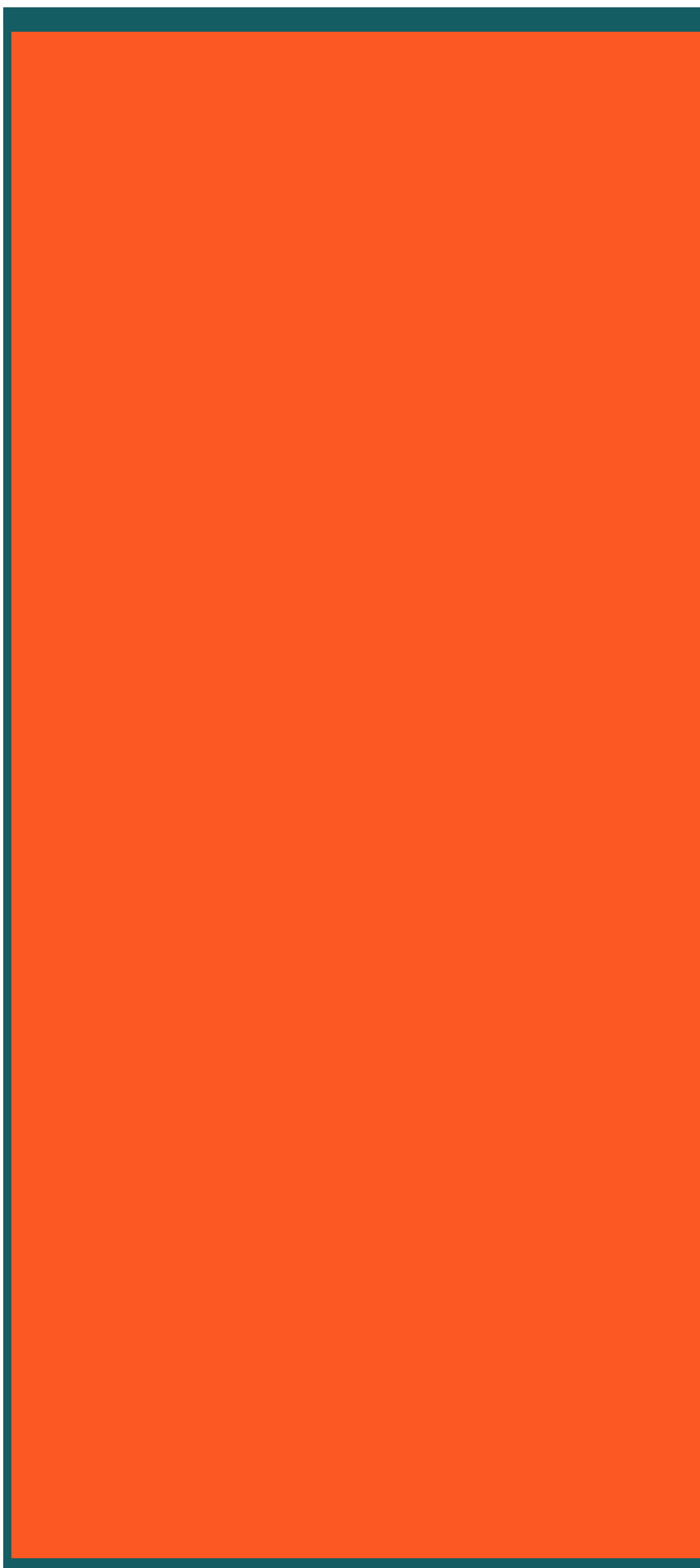
For any students who may be interested in bachelor or associates degrees in engineering or computing, Vermont Tech is hosting a Virtual Open House on Thursday, December 10th, from 3pm to 4pm. Professors and admissions staff will be on hand to meet and answer questions about the engineering and computing technology programs at Vermont Tech, including:

- [Architectural Engineering Technology](#)
- [Civil & Environmental Engineering Technology](#)
- [Computer Engineering Technology](#), [Computer Information Technology](#) & [Computer Software Engineering](#)
- [Electrical & Electromechanical Engineering Technology](#)
- [Manufacturing Engineering Technology](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering Technology](#)
- [Renewable Energy](#)

If students are interested in attending the open house they can use the link below to register. [SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE](#)

Regards,
Chris Reilly, Professor
Architectural & Building Engineering Technology, Vermont Technical College





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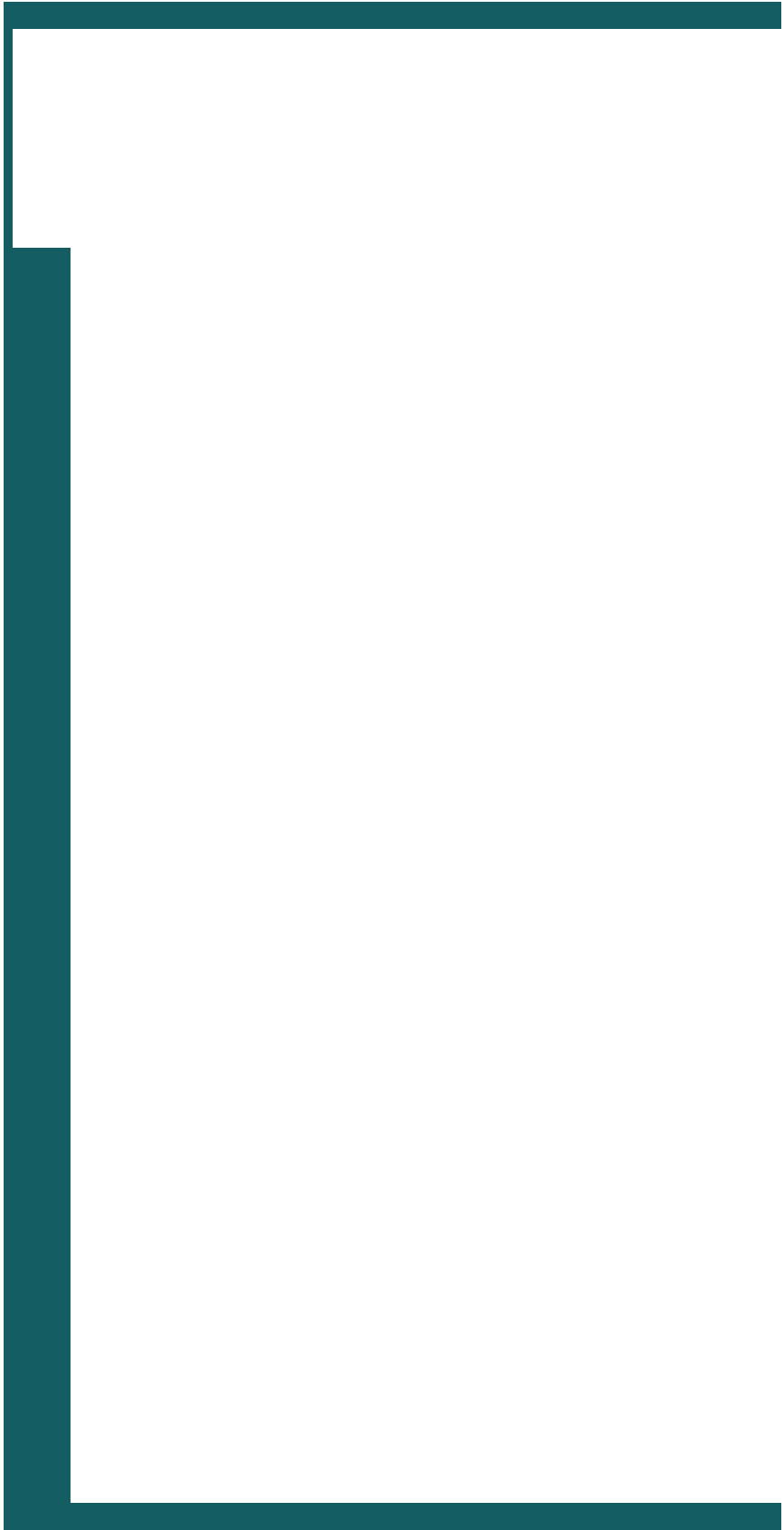


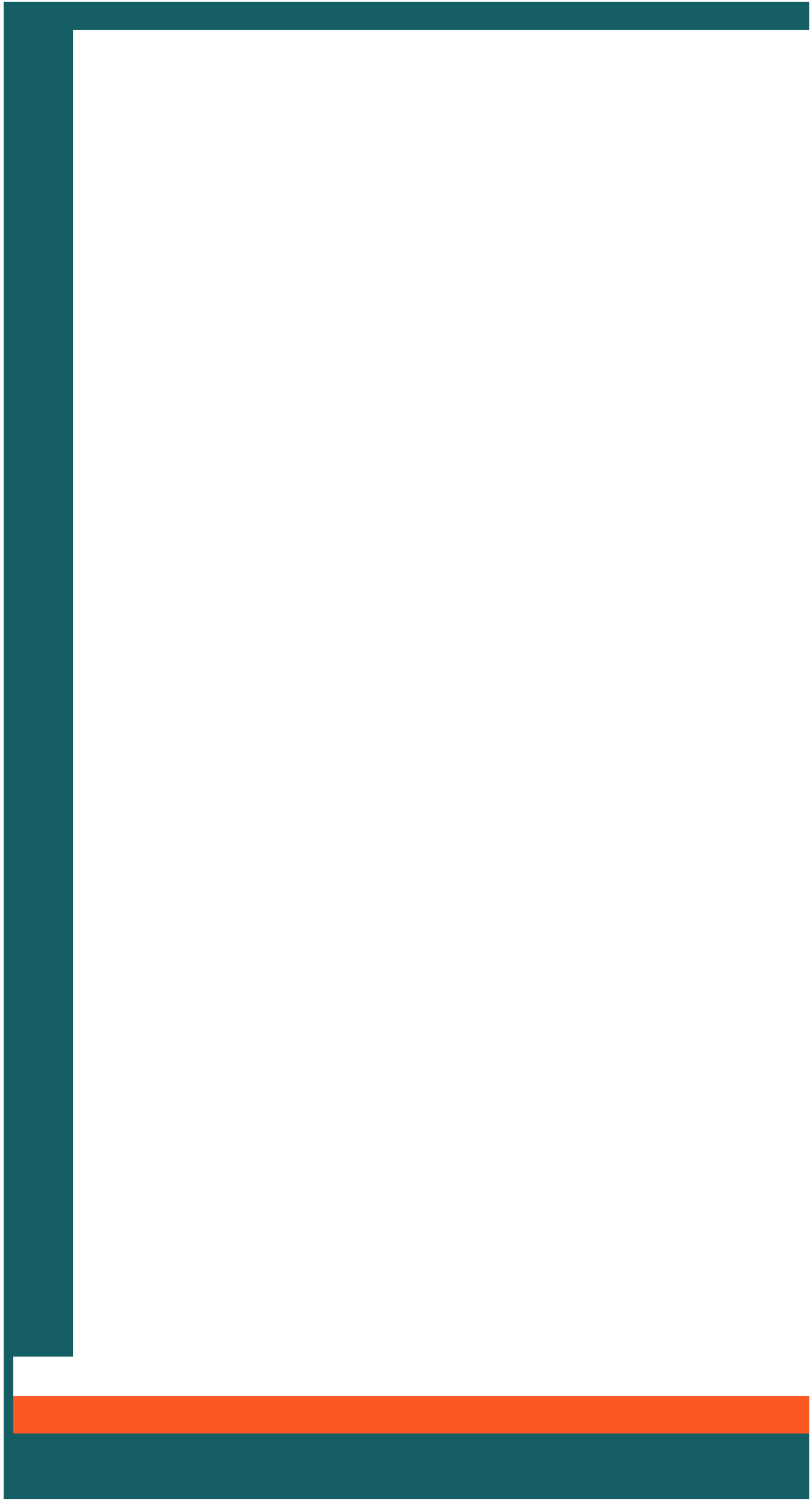


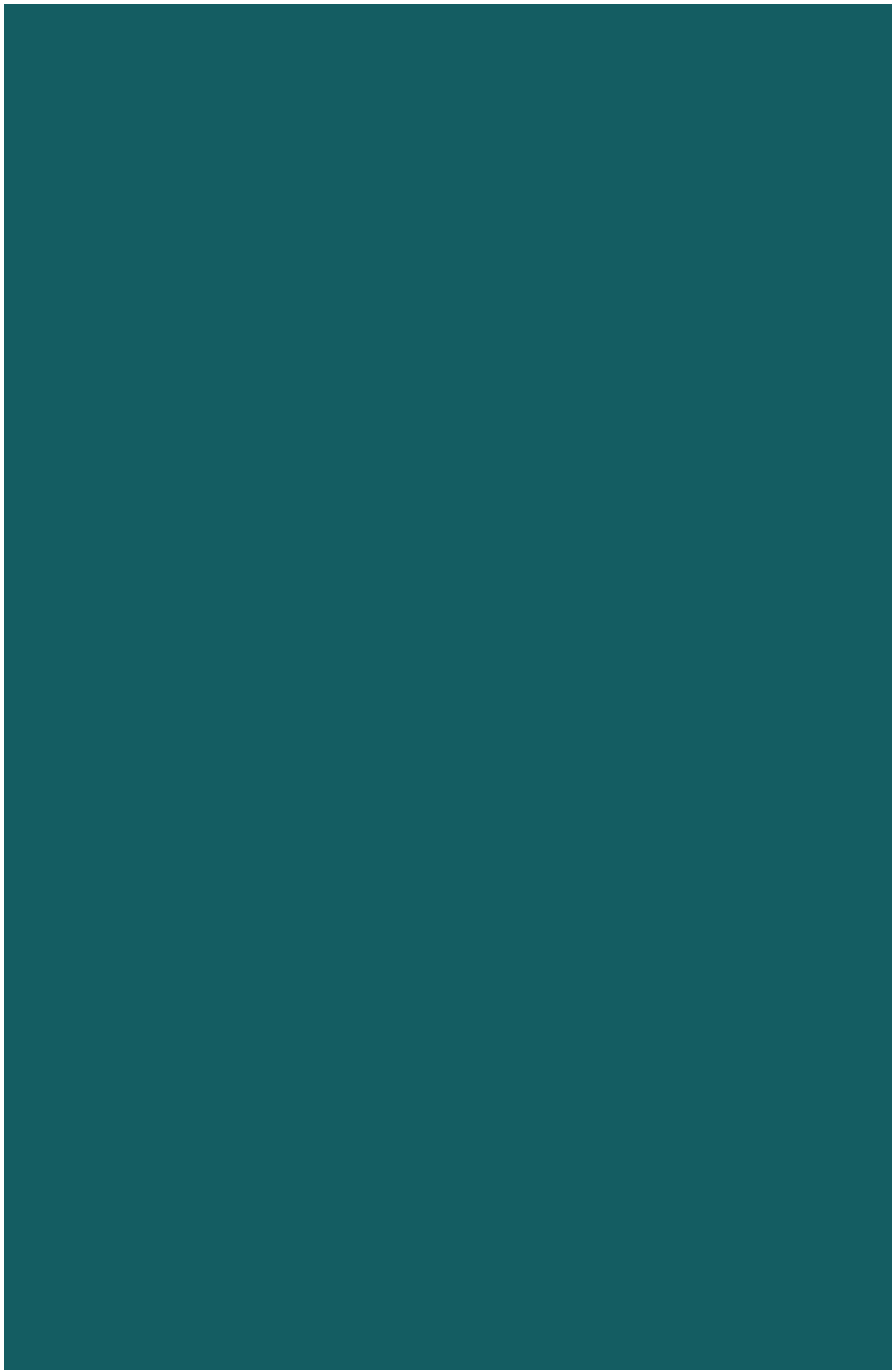


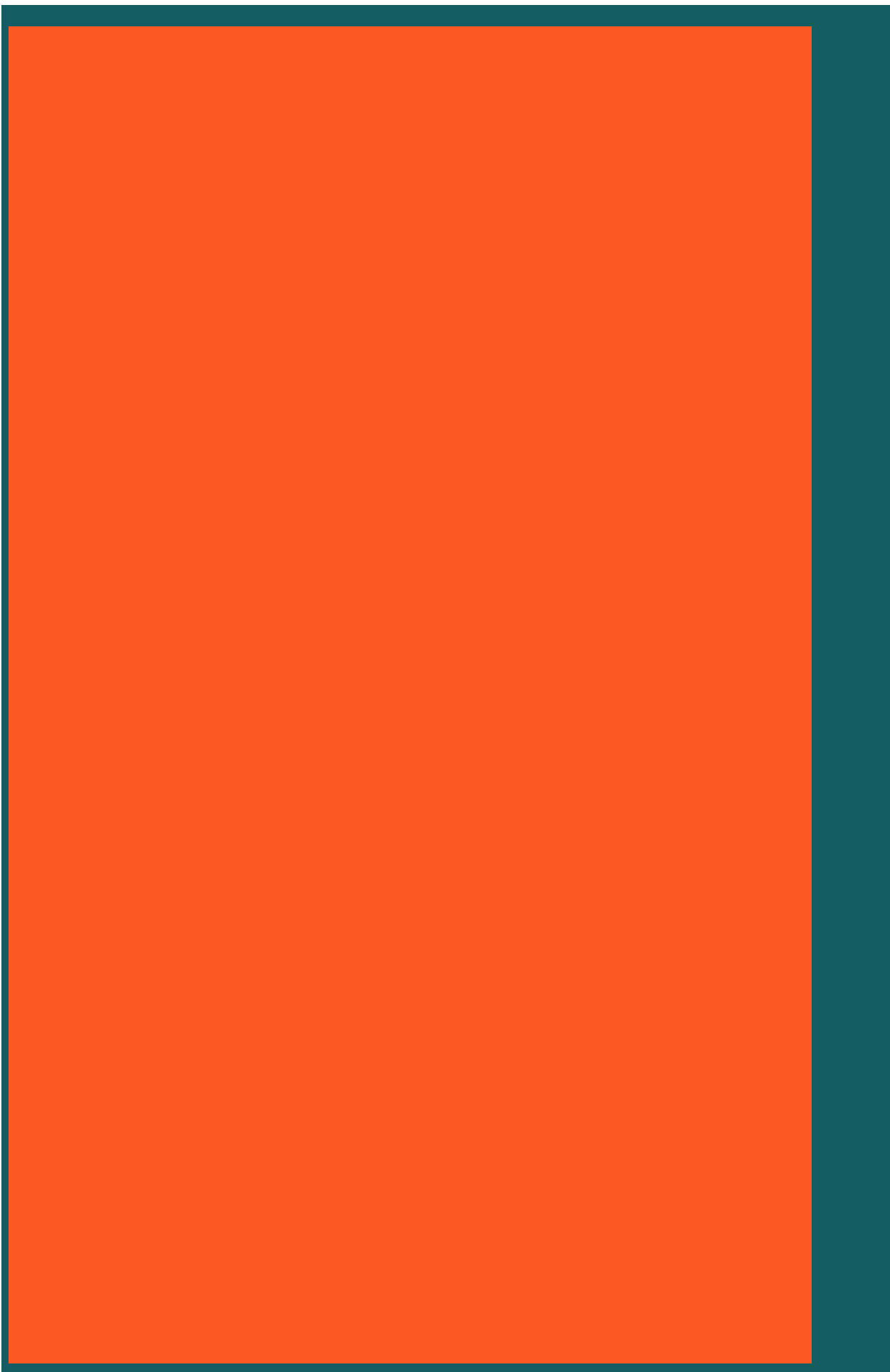












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