

2024-2025 Unworldly Contest Guidelines

Unworldly

Through Unworldly, students will learn about outer space and the potential benefits of its exploration. They will consider classic SciFi stories to understand creative world-building and will then practice journalism skills to create a newspaper from the perspective of future outer space settlers. Along with writing creative articles there will be the opportunity for students to create art for the newspaper.

Eligible Students

Students are eligible to submit to the 2024-2025 Unworldly Newspaper contest if they meet the following criteria.

Students must:

- (1) be 21 years of age or under as of October 1st, 2024 and
- (2) reside in a locked juvenile or adult facility or
- (3) reside in a court-mandated program due to justice system involvement.

Other situations may be considered. Should you need assistance determining whether or not your students are eligible, please contact us at initiatives@breakfree-ed.org.

Contest Submission Period

BreakFree welcomes the submission of student newspapers **between 10/21/24 and midnight on 10/31/24**. All speeches are to be submitted electronically through the Unworldly Submission [Portal](#).

Selection

Newspapers are judged based on design & layout, creativity, clarity & grammar, and collaboration. Please note, articles that include profane or vulgar language will receive extra scrutiny, and articles that include such language meaningfully and with purpose will be considered. Please also note the parameters for newspaper submissions as outlined below.

Newspaper submissions must:

- Take the perspective of future outer space settlers
- Include a variety of different articles (beats) with headlines (a minimum of three)
- Include both written articles and accompanying images/artwork
- Demonstrate student and class collaboration by discussing the same "world" that you build together (articles should be cohesive and clearly describe the same outer space settlement)

Prizes

- **1st Place:** Certificate, publication on the BreakFree website, and a Chromebook.
- **2nd Place:** Certificate and publication on the BreakFree website
- **3rd Place:** Certificate and publication on the BreakFree website.

*In the event of a tie, duplicate prizes will be distributed. BreakFree will work with supervisory agencies to ensure that prizes are awarded in accordance with agency guidelines.

Copyrights

The writer retains all copyrights to the submitted newspaper articles. Winning Newspapers will appear on the BreakFree website with the copyright notice intact. By entering the contest, writers consent to the publication of their newspaper articles.

Privacy Policy

BreakFree will collect personal information for the purpose of notifying contest winners. All information submitted is kept in confidence and used solely for notification purposes. This information shall not be shared or made public.