

Challenges at a Glance

Challenges	Submissions Due to Fairchild by 5:00 pm	Maximum Points	Maximum Number of Submissions
Educator Challenge: Seeding the Future	Friday, January 16, 2026	50 points	1 submission from a middle school teacher
1. Miami, My Garden – Gardens on the Go	Friday, November 7, 2025	200 (100/submission)	2 submissions
2. Curious Creators	Friday, December 19, 2025	200 (100/submission)	2 videos
3. Native Plant Network – Pollinator Garden OPTIONAL Virtual MS Garden Teacher Workshop: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. *Native plant Garden materials pickup at Fairchild: October 11-12, 2025	Digital entry form due: Friday, January 30, 2026 Judging visits: March 2-13, 2026	200	1 school garden with 1 visit from judges to hear student presentation of the garden
4. Million Orchid Project – Habitat Hotspots MANDATORY In-person Teacher Workshop: Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm **If you are unable to attend the mandatory workshop, please notify the Challenge team at challenge@fairchildgarden.org	Friday, March 20, 2026	200 (100/submission) 50 bonus points for completing datasheet	2 submissions
5. Growing Beyond Earth® *Must register with GBE team and attend MANDATORY In-person or Virtual Teacher Workshop *Growing Beyond Earth Student Research Symposium: Saturday, April 11, 2026 **If you are unable to attend a mandatory workshop, please notify the Challenge team at challenge@fairchildgarden.org	Trial 1 Data due Friday, November 21, 2025 Trial 2 Proposal due Friday, December 12, 2025 Trial 2 Data due Friday, March 20, 2026 Optional Trial 2 Presentation Due: Wednesday, April 1, 2026	300 max 150 for required Trial 1 data AND Trial 2 proposal 75 for Trial 2 data 75 bonus points for presenting at the GBE Symposium	REQUIRED: Trial 1 data, Trial 2 proposal, AND Trial 2 data Optional: 1 presentation at the GBE Symposium

For more detailed information and resources, please visit the Middle School Challenge webpage.