

SESSION 7

Clustering Nominations

- Have each student share their nominations. While students are sharing, an adult can start creating the brackets, dividing up the nominations into four related clusters. The goal is to cluster organizations into similar categories such as food, health, learning, family, etc. If there are no common themes, just randomly assign them to four clusters.

Quarterfinals

- Start the voting process cluster by cluster. First have students defend each organization, explaining the problems that these organizations are really working to address.
- Kids vote on each cluster with a show of hands (1 vote per student). You can have everyone put heads down to vote if you sense it is better for the group.
- A winner for each cluster is chosen. You may need to have students vote again if the votes result in ties.
- Write the Final Four into the brackets.

The Final Four

- Students defend each organization, explaining how these organizations are helping kids.
- Blind vote on each match up (kids cover eyes, vote by raising hands).
- Final two written into the brackets.

Championship Round

- Students make final plea for last two organizations. They can explain why this would be a better use of \$1,000.
- Vote with heads down (builds the drama). Adults count to ensure and then dramatically announce winner. PLEASE RECORD THIS MOMENT!

WRAP UP
(gauge new learning)

Why we chose you!

- Have a small group of students explain on video who they chose and why. We can use this at our finale events.