

2026 TOBACCO PRODUCT WASTE STUDENT PROJECT CONTEST

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More than 4 trillion cigarette butts are discarded every year across the world, polluting our neighborhoods, parks, rivers, and oceans with microplastics and carcinogens.

Enter a Project that Tackles Tobacco Product Waste in Your Community

The Center for Tobacco and the Environment at San Diego State University (SDSU) is hosting a contest for high school student groups in California to tackle tobacco product waste in their community.

- 1 With the iKickButts app, research and pick up tobacco product waste around your school.
- 2 Make a difference! Create a project using your data to address the problem of tobacco product waste through education or advocacy.

Interested in Entering Your School Club or Youth Group? Visit the Contest Webpage



Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to read more info and get started!



To learn about the Center for Tobacco and the Environment, visit cte.sdsu.edu. For more information about the app, visit ikickbutts.org.

Important Dates & Deadlines

- The last day to request a project in the iKickButts app is 3/8/26.
- The project submission deadline is 5/1/26.
- Winners will be announced 5/15/26.
- The Center will hold its 3rd Annual Research Symposium in San Diego, CA on 5/29/26.



All Teams Who Enter a Project Will Earn...

- ✓ A certificate of completion from SDSU's Center for Tobacco and the Environment.
- ✓ Community service hours.
- ✓ Badges and milestones in the iKickButts app.

One Outstanding Project in Each of the Three Categories Will Be Selected to Win!

Award Categories:



- ★ School Improvement Award
- ★ Community Engagement Award
- ★ Policy Advocacy Award

Prizes:

- 🎁 Cash prize for one organization in each category.
- 🎁 Opportunity to present at the Center's 3rd Annual Research Symposium in San Diego for two student organizations in each category.
- 🎁 Web & social media promotion for two student organizations in each category.
- 🎁 Choice of iKickButts Merch for five student organizations in each category.



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