

HeroX Team Instructions

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Thank you for your interest in an American-Made Challenges prize competition!

- This guide is to provide instructions and a walkthrough on creating a team on HeroX and submitting to a prize.
- Notice – You can submit as an individual to most prizes, even if they require a team or company to enter. The HeroX teaming function is a HeroX.com function, not a requirement of our prizes. There are benefits to using the teaming function, but if you elect to submit as an individual, you can always list team members on your submission form. This is what is reviewed by Review Panels and factors into judging and selection. The teams built using the HeroX team function are NEVER reviewed.
- If you are selected as a winner, and submitted as an individual, you will not be able to create/join a team using the HeroX team function and continue in the next phase with that team. You will only be able to submit as an individual.

Before Starting a Submission:

Because of the functionality of HeroX, please consider the following regarding whether you should create a team or submit as an individual. **Reminder – regardless of if you build a team on HeroX, your team is reviewed through the “Team” section of the submission form and not the team built with HeroX as described in this guide.**

Submitting as an Individual		Submitting as a Team	
Functions	Benefits	Functions	Benefits
An individual’s account holds/manages the entries. No one else on a team or another HeroX account will be able to access, view, or edit the submissions.	If you are on a team, but only one person will submit for your team for the entirety of the prize, you can submit as an individual. If you plan to switch submitters, you should use the team function.	Only the designated Captain can submit/edit submissions; All team members should be able to view	If one person on the team starts a submission during Phase 1, they can swap captains to another team member to submit in later phases. You can do this by clicking the “Edit” button on your team profile.
You can add a profile nickname to represent your team without using the team function	Go to your user profile, and under “edit” you can add a nickname for your team; if you are selected, this will display as the winning team name	You can change a Captain on your team profile	
		Team Name can be modified in the team profile	Team Name can be changed

Step 1a

When you find a prize you are interested in competing in, you'll see this page. If it is open to public submissions, you can click "Solve this Challenge" which will take you to the submission form.

The screenshot displays the 'American-Made Challenges' website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the 'AMERICAN-MADE CHALLENGES' logo on the left and a 'Log In' link on the right. Below the header, the main content area features the challenge title 'Power At Sea Prize' in large, bold text. To the left of the title is an illustration of an offshore oil rig and a boat on the ocean surface, with a yellow buoy and a yellow pipe on the ocean floor. The text 'POWERING THE BLUE ECONOMY™: POWER AT SEA PRIZE' is visible above the illustration. To the right of the illustration, the 'AMERICAN-MADE CHALLENGES' logo is repeated. Below the title, there are two buttons: 'Energy, Environment & Resources' and 'Government'. Further down, the 'Stage: Informational Webinar' and 'Prize: \$1,700,000' are listed. A large, dark blue button with the text 'SOLVE THIS CHALLENGE' is prominently displayed, with a large red arrow pointing upwards towards it. Below the main content area, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Summary', 'Timeline', 'Updates' (with a '1' notification), 'Forum' (with a '5' notification), 'Teams' (with a '794' notification), 'Entries', 'Resources', and 'Webinars & Recordings'. Under the 'Summary' tab, there are sub-tabs for 'Overview' and 'Guidelines'. The 'Overview' section is currently selected, and the text below it begins with 'Our oceans are a crucial asset: a precious habitat to millions of species, a vital carbon...'.

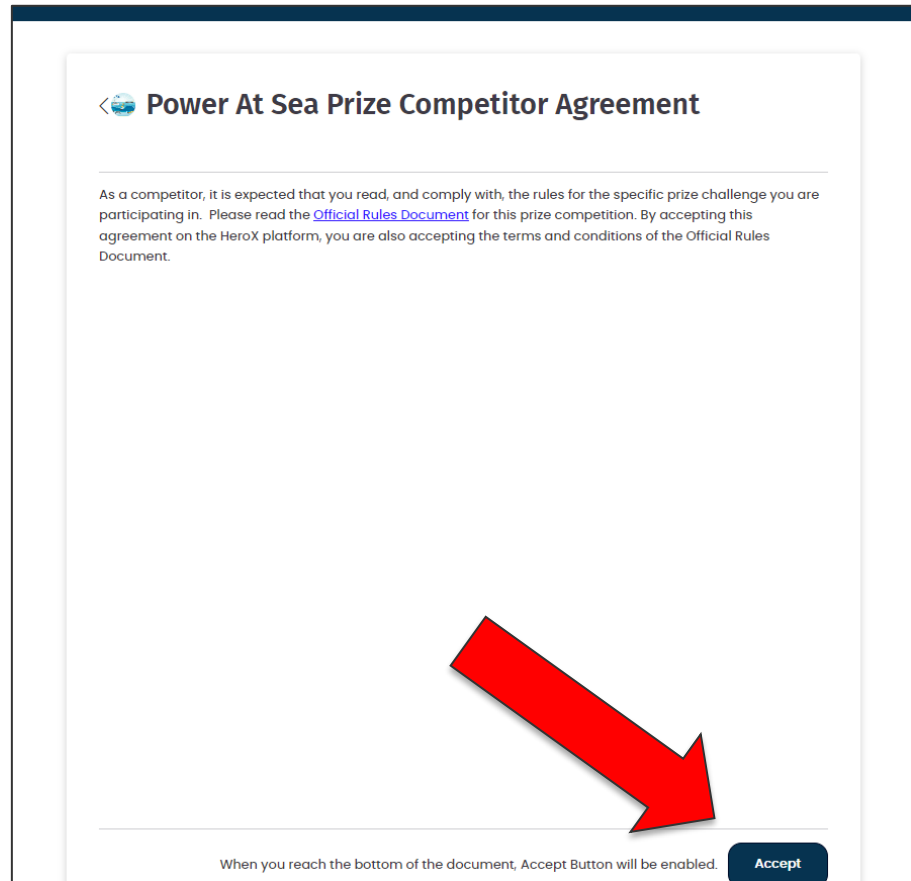
Step 1b

If you did not follow the challenge first, you will be asked to “Register to compete”.

The screenshot displays the 'American-Made Challenges' page for the 'Power At Sea Prize'. The page features a header with the challenge title, a view count of 5,111, and buttons for 'Share' and 'Follow (794)'. The main content area includes an illustration of a boat and offshore wind turbines, with the text 'POWERING THE BLUE ECONOMY™: POWER AT SEA PRIZE' and 'AMERICAN MADE CHALLENGES'. A modal window titled 'Join the Challenge' is overlaid on the page, containing the text 'First you need to register to compete in this challenge.' and two buttons: 'Register to compete' and 'Cancel'. A red arrow points to the 'Register to compete' button, and another red arrow points to the 'Follow (794)' button. The page also includes a navigation menu with 'Summary', 'Timeline', 'Updates' (1), 'Forum' (6), 'Entries', 'Resources', 'FAQ', and 'Webinars & Recordings'. The 'Overview' section is currently selected.

Step 2

After clicking “Register to compete”, you’ll be sent to the Competitor Agreement. Please review it and click Accept, if you accept the terms of the prize.



< **Power At Sea Prize Competitor Agreement**

As a competitor, it is expected that you read, and comply with, the rules for the specific prize challenge you are participating in. Please read the [Official Rules Document](#) for this prize competition. By accepting this agreement on the HeroX platform, you are also accepting the terms and conditions of the Official Rules Document.

When you reach the bottom of the document, Accept Button will be enabled. **Accept**

Step 3

Next you'll see three options for how you would like to compete. You can change this before you submit but not after completing a submission.

Option 1: You'll create your own team, where you can add members and set your status for other people to request to join your team. You'll be able to manage a team page and will be auto designated as the captain.

Option 2: You will technically not be part of a team but will appear as an innovator looking to join a team.

Option 3: You will be competing as an individual.



< Competitor registration

Would you like to compete as a team? *

Yes, I want to create my own team

Yes, I want to join a team

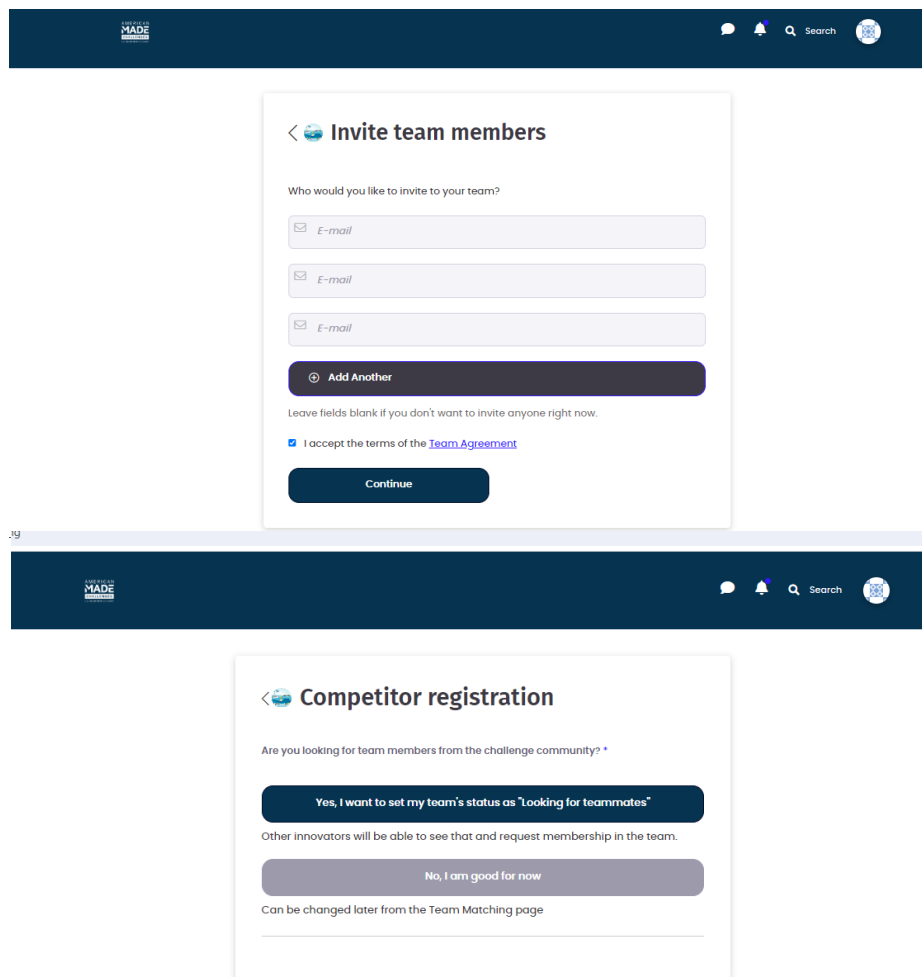
No, I want to compete individually

You still will be able to create or join other teams later.

Option 1. Step 4

If you selected option 1, you'll see the next two screens to complete your registration. The first is to invite any members you already have by email. The second screen will be to set your status if you're looking for team members.

You can always change these later.

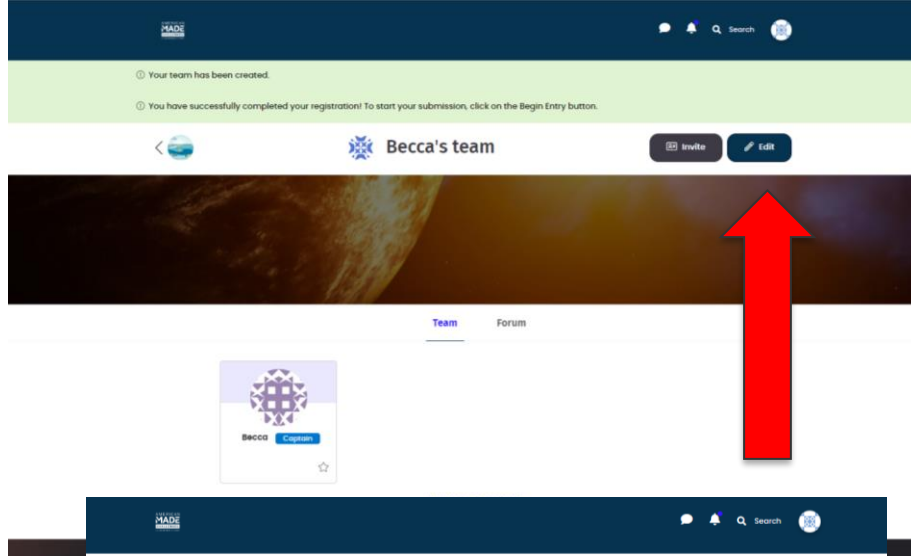


Option 1. Step 5

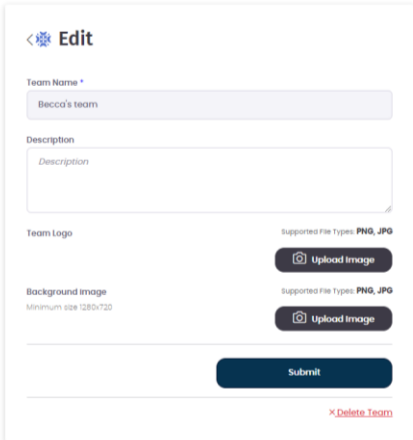
After you've made your selections, you've created your team for the challenge.

You can edit your team, and that's where you can change your team name, add an image, or delete your team.

You can also invite people from this page.



The screenshot shows the MADE team management interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the MADE logo, navigation icons, and a search bar. Below the header, a light green banner displays two status messages: "Your team has been created." and "You have successfully completed your registration! To start your submission, click on the Begin Entry button." The main content area features a dark banner with a space-themed image and the text "Becca's team" next to a gear icon. To the right of the team name are "Invite" and "Edit" buttons. A large red arrow points to the "Edit" button. Below the banner, there are tabs for "Team" and "Forum". The "Team" tab is active, showing a team card with a logo, the name "Becca Capran", and a star icon. At the bottom, a dark blue footer contains the MADE logo, navigation icons, and a search bar.



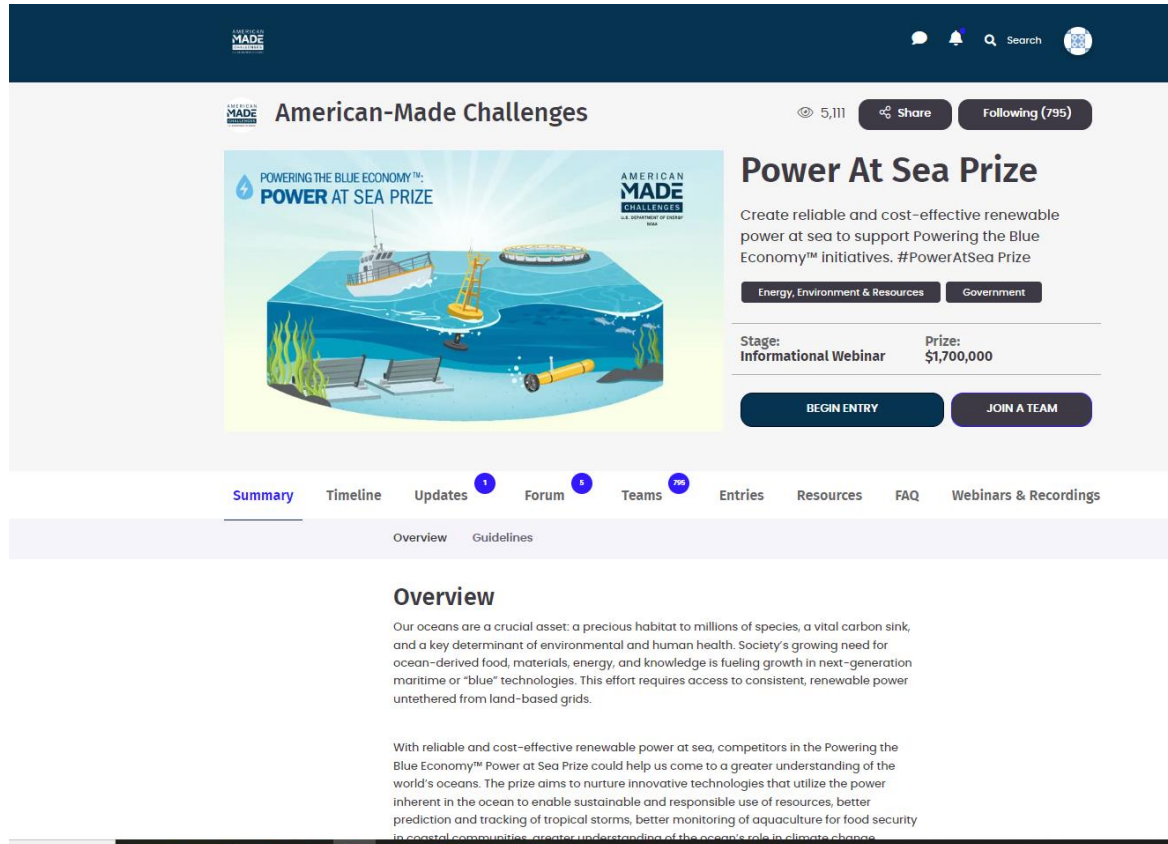
The "Edit" team page form is displayed in a white box. It has a title "Edit" with a gear icon. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Team Name ***: A text input field containing "Becca's team".
- Description**: A text area with the placeholder text "Description".
- Team Logo**: A section with "Supported File Types: PNG, JPG" and an "Upload Image" button.
- Background image**: A section with "Supported File Types: PNG, JPG" and "Minimum size 1280x720", and an "Upload Image" button.
- Submit**: A dark blue button at the bottom.
- Delete Team**: A red link at the bottom right.

Option 2&3 – Step 3

If you chose option 2 or 3 and didn't create a team, you'll go back to this screen.

You'll see an option to “Begin Entry” or “Join a Team”.



The screenshot displays the 'American-Made Challenges' website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the 'AMERICAN MADE CHALLENGES' logo on the left and navigation icons (home, notifications, search) on the right. Below the header, the main content area features a large banner for the 'POWERING THE BLUE ECONOMY™ POWER AT SEA PRIZE'. The banner includes an illustration of a boat, a yellow offshore structure, and a yellow buoy in the ocean. To the right of the banner, the text reads: 'Create reliable and cost-effective renewable power at sea to support Powering the Blue Economy™ initiatives. #PowerAtSea Prize'. Below this text are two buttons: 'Energy, Environment & Resources' and 'Government'. Further down, the 'Stage: Informational Webinar' and 'Prize: \$1,700,000' are displayed. At the bottom of the banner area are two prominent buttons: 'BEGIN ENTRY' and 'JOIN A TEAM'. Below the banner, there is a navigation menu with tabs for 'Summary', 'Timeline', 'Updates' (with a '1' notification), 'Forum' (with a '5' notification), and 'Teams' (with a '795' notification). Below the navigation menu, there are tabs for 'Overview' and 'Guidelines'. The 'Overview' section is currently active, displaying introductory text about the importance of oceans and the goals of the prize.

AMERICAN MADE CHALLENGES

5,111 Share Following (795)

American-Made Challenges

POWERING THE BLUE ECONOMY™ POWER AT SEA PRIZE

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Create reliable and cost-effective renewable power at sea to support Powering the Blue Economy™ initiatives. #PowerAtSea Prize

Energy, Environment & Resources Government

Stage: Informational Webinar Prize: \$1,700,000

BEGIN ENTRY JOIN A TEAM

Summary Timeline Updates 1 Forum 5 Teams 795 Entries Resources FAQ Webinars & Recordings

Overview Guidelines

Overview

Our oceans are a crucial asset: a precious habitat to millions of species, a vital carbon sink, and a key determinant of environmental and human health. Society's growing need for ocean-derived food, materials, energy, and knowledge is fueling growth in next-generation maritime or "blue" technologies. This effort requires access to consistent, renewable power untethered from land-based grids.

With reliable and cost-effective renewable power at sea, competitors in the Powering the Blue Economy™ Power at Sea Prize could help us come to a greater understanding of the world's oceans. The prize aims to nurture innovative technologies that utilize the power inherent in the ocean to enable sustainable and responsible use of resources, better prediction and tracking of tropical storms, better monitoring of aquaculture for food security in coastal communities, greater understanding of the ocean's role in climate change.

Option 2 – Step 4

If you choose “Join a Team”, it will take you to “Team Matching” options, where you can view teams looking for innovators or innovators looking to join a team.

On this tab, you can also “Create a team”. See Option 1 Steps 3-5.

The screenshot shows the 'Team Matching' interface. At the top right, there are two buttons: 'Add myself' and 'Create a Team'. Below the title, there are two circular indicators: '4 Teams' and '7 Innovators'. The main content area is titled 'Teams looking for innovators' and displays four team cards. Each card includes a team logo, name, member count, a brief description, and a 'Join team' button. A large red arrow points upwards from the bottom right towards the 'Create a Team' button.

Team Matching

4 Teams **7 Innovators**

Teams looking for innovators

- SeaPower**
1 Member
Smart, creative folks who like thinking out of the box...
Join team
- Water Bros Development**
1 Member
Innovative and passionate inventors in the marine energy space.
Join team
- ASU OASIS team**
1 Member
People passionate about ocean energy
Join team
- Talos new type of wave power device**
2 Members
Our team covered technical in hardware, software, marketing, finance, sales and recruiting which can complete our solution.
Join team

Begin Entry – As a Team

If you are part of a team, you can click “Begin Entry” and start your submission as a team.

If you are selected as a winner, your team name will display as the winner.

You can view your team by clicking “My Team”.

The screenshot shows the 'American-Made Challenges' page for the 'Power At Sea Prize'. The page features a header with the 'AMERICAN MADE CHALLENGES' logo and navigation icons. The main content area includes a large illustration of a boat, offshore structures, and underwater equipment, with the text 'POWERING THE BLUE ECONOMY™: POWER AT SEA PRIZE' and 'AMERICAN MADE CHALLENGES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'. To the right, there is a 'Share' button, a 'Following (795)' indicator, and a 'Power At Sea Prize' title. Below the title, it states 'Create reliable and cost-effective renewable power at sea to support Powering the Blue Economy™ initiatives. #PowerAtSea Prize'. There are two category buttons: 'Energy, Environment & Resources' and 'Government'. The 'Stage' is 'Informational Webinar' and the 'Prize' is '\$1,700,000'. Two prominent buttons are 'BEGIN ENTRY' and 'MY TEAM'. A red arrow points to the 'BEGIN ENTRY' button. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with 'Summary', 'Timeline', 'Updates' (1), 'Forum' (5), 'Teams' (795), 'Entries', 'FAQ', and 'Webinars & Recordings'. Below the navigation bar, the text reads 'Create a team & start collaborating' and 'Work with each other and share the credit.' There are two buttons: 'Challenge' and 'Find a Team'.

Begin Entry – As an Individual

If you are an individual, you can click “Begin Entry” and start your submission as an individual.

If you are selected as a winner, your profile name will display as the winner.

You will have to submit as an individual in later phases, if applicable, and will not be able to create or adjust a HeroX team with access to those later phases.

The screenshot displays the 'American-Made Challenges' website. At the top, the 'AMERICAN MADE CHALLENGES' logo is visible. The main heading is 'American-Made Challenges' with a view count of 5,111 and a 'Share' button. Below this is a featured challenge titled 'Power At Sea Prize' under the theme 'POWERING THE BLUE ECONOMY™'. The challenge description states: 'Create reliable and cost-effective renewable power at sea to support Powering the Blue Economy™ initiatives. #PowerAtSeaPrize'. It includes category tags for 'Energy, Environment & Resources' and 'Government'. Key details are listed: 'Stage: Informational Webinar' and 'Prize: \$1,700,000'. Two prominent buttons are present: 'BEGIN ENTRY' and 'JOIN A TEAM'. A large red arrow points directly to the 'BEGIN ENTRY' button. Below the challenge card is a navigation menu with tabs for 'Summary', 'Timeline', 'Updates', 'Forum', 'Teams', 'Entries', and 'Webinars & Recordings'. The 'Overview' section is currently selected, showing introductory text about the importance of the ocean and the goal of the prize.

Final Step - Submission

Regardless of you submit as an individual or team, you can start and submit to a prize.

There is a place in the submission to list your team members. This section of the submission will be reviewed by reviewers and judges.

The screenshot shows a web interface for creating a submission. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the 'AMERICAN-MADE' logo on the left and navigation icons (chat, notifications, search) on the right. Below the header is a yellow banner with the text: "This is only a draft. You can start now and complete your submission later!". The main content area is titled "Create Submission" and features a "Save & Preview" button. The form is divided into two sections:

- Section 1: Introduction**
 - Title ***: A text input field with a character count of 0/50. Below it is the instruction: "Give your submission a catchy title that describes the idea and gets people interested."
 - Short description**: A larger text input field with a character count of 0/140. Below it is the instruction: "Provide a brief description of your idea. Be clear and concise."
 - Image**: A section with an information icon and the text: "An Image boosts your message by illustrating your solution. Ensure your image is at least 650 pixels wide by 360 pixels tall for clarity." To the right, it says "Supported File Types: PNG, JPG" and includes an "Upload Image" button.
 - How did you hear about this challenge?**: A text input field with a character count of 0/100. Below it is the instruction: "How did you hear about this challenge?"
- Section 2: Eligibility Acknowledgement**
 - I confirm that I am submitting as either (select one): ***: A heading for a radio button selection.
 - Please confirm that your submission meets the eligibility requirements stated in the official rules.**: A sub-heading.
 - Two radio button options:
 - a representative of a private entity, such as corporation or other organization that is incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States;
 - an individual or group of individuals who are legal residents of the United States.

Questions?

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