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Young Women in Illinois Can Race to Their Futures as the Application for the ComEd Icebox Derby Opens

Icebox Derby offers local girls the chance to explore STEM careers while earning scholarships

CHICAGO (May 1, 2019) – This summer, 30 young women from the Chicago area will build both high-tech racecars and pathways to their futures in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Girls can apply now for the sixth-annual ComEd Icebox Derby, a competition that challenges teens from across Chicagoland to transform recycled refrigerators into electric and solar-powered racecars.

Applications are available now at www.IceboxDerby.com. The application period will close on Friday, June 7. The application is open to any girl who is an Illinois resident between the ages of 13 and 18.

Every participant will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for completing the program. They will work alongside ComEd mentors to build a fridge car and learn about practical applications of STEM in daily life and STEM career options. The competition will culminate with a once-in-a-lifetime experience as participants race their electric- and solar-powered fridge cars at Daley Plaza in Chicago on Saturday, Aug. 3.

“We’ve got to engage and empower young women to continue their STEM studies and see opportunities available to them down the road,” said [Joe Dominguez](#), CEO of ComEd. “Through the Icebox Derby, these young women work alongside women at ComEd who are leaders and have built their own STEM careers, and learn about the paths they are taking. We hope to inspire them to come back and work for us someday.”

This summer, nearly 10 percent of former Icebox Derby participants will work at ComEd as summer interns.

ComEd launched the Icebox Derby six years ago to educate and empower young women to explore careers in STEM and become the innovative workforce of the future. In addition to powering homes, businesses and institutions across the Illinois, ComEd continues to lead the conversation on the value of science and technology education. Women make up 49 percent of the workforce, yet only 26 percent of jobs in STEM-related fields in Illinois, according to a [study](#) by the Illinois Science & Technology Coalition.

Find out more about the program by visiting www.IceboxDerby.com.

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