



ALANA YAKSICH

## NATIONAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FLU VACCINATION CHALLENGE

2026-2027 Overview, Rules and Regulations

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### Challenge Overview

The purpose of the challenge is to increase vaccination rates of college-aged young adults through a friendly competition amongst participating colleges and universities across the nation. Students will no longer be asked to self-report their vaccination status via an online collection tool created by Alana's Foundation (AF). Alumni, faculty, staff and fans of participating schools are also eligible to help their school win. The institutions with the greatest number of flu doses administered at their campus health center and/or campus flu clinics **September 1 - December 4, 2026**, will be presented with the Alana Yaksich Memorial traveling trophy from Alana's Foundation which they will keep until the next seasons challenge winners are announced.

### Enrollment

**Enrollment will be August 24 - September 30, 2026.** In order to participate, schools **must complete an online enrollment form.** The link will be distributed via email and/or AF website. Schools must complete the enrollment form before the deadline to be included in this years promotional material. We **strongly encourage you to enroll asap before the end of August** to allow for maximum promotion of and participation in the challenge.

### Self-Report of Doses Administered

**Participating schools are responsible for reporting their total administered doses to Alana's Foundation (via email) on a bi-weekly basis\*.** Failure to do so by the set deadlines will result in standings remaining unchanged until the following report.

### Determining Award Winners - UPDATED

Enrolled institutions will be categorized into small, medium, and large based on **TOTAL student population** (Undergraduate + graduate). AF defines the categories as follows:

**Small: 10,000 or less students, Medium: 10,001 - 20,000 students, Large: 20,001+**

*Please note: Depending on the population of the schools that enroll, category ranges may be shifted slightly to ensure at least 2 participants compete in each group.*

Total **student population** must be provided by each institution on their enrollment form. AF will communicate the category for each enrolled institution in the September webinar so you will know your competition.

The **overall challenge winners** in each size category will be the institutions with the **greatest number of flu doses administered at their campus health center and/or campus flu clinics between September 1 — December 6, 2024.** As stated above **participating schools are responsible for reporting their total administered doses to Alana's Foundation (via email) on a bi-weekly basis\*.** Failure to do so by the set deadlines will result in standings remaining unchanged until the following report.

**\*Reporting due dates on the following dates by 4 pm: Sept. 11, 25, Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4**

Award winners will be **announced** during the **Wednesday, December 9, 2026** webinar.



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AF will communicate via **email** with all participating schools to provide a **bi-weekly update** on each school's standing in the challenge. AF will host **webinars in September and December**, and send **e-newsletters in October, November** regarding updates about the Challenge. Bi-weekly updates will be sent on the Monday following the self-report deadlines (see Determining Award Winners). Materials, updates, and other information will be posted on the College Flu Challenge webpage of the AF website.

## Vaccine Assistance Grants

If your college or university needs assistance purchasing vaccine for underinsured or uninsured students, Alana's Foundation offers **vaccine assistance grants to registered schools of the Challenge**. Grants are awarded based on available funds at the time of request. Please allow 48 hours for review and processing grant applications. Visit our website for more information: [https://bit.ly/26\\_27FluVaxGrantAppCollegeUniv](https://bit.ly/26_27FluVaxGrantAppCollegeUniv)



## Immunization Information Systems (IIS)

By participating in this challenge, enrolled colleges and universities are strongly encouraged to enter all flu vaccine doses administered by the health center into their state IIS. Reporting of all administered vaccines is an immunization best practice.



*Three traveling Alana Yaksich Memorial Trophies will be given to the overall challenge winners based on small, medium, and large-sized categories.*



^ Alana's Foundation reserves the right to make changes to the rules/regulations based on the circumstances of each flu season.