

Decathlete Eligibility Requirements

As indicated in the current version of the U.S. Department of Energy [Solar Decathlon 2015 Rules](#), “Decathlete” definition, all decathletes must meet the decathlete eligibility rules outlined in this file.

To be eligible for “decathlete” status, an individual must meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university participating in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2015 (participating institution) as of August 31, 2015.
2. Have received a degree from a participating institution within 12 months prior to August 31, 2015.
3. Have received a degree from a participating institution within the 24 months prior to August 31, 2015 and be enrolled in at least one class (live or online) at a participating institution as of August 31, 2015.

To demonstrate eligibility, each registered individual seeking decathlete status shall submit (either through the online registration site or at on-site event ID pickup) one or more of the following items:

1. A copy of his or her current transcript indicating current enrollment status (an unofficial transcript will be sufficient)
2. A copy of his or her diploma indicating the date of graduation meeting the criteria (if you recently graduated and have not yet received your diploma, have the registrar’s office submit a letter)
3. A letter from the registrar’s office on official institution letterhead that clearly states which of the three eligibility criteria the individual meets. This letter should be addressed to:

Pamela Gray-Hann
NREL M/S RSF 300
16253 Denver West Parkway
Golden, CO 80401-3305

The registrar’s letter should be submitted by the decathlete as an attachment to the individual’s online registration, as a hard copy sent with other registration documents, brought with to on-site registration, or by e-mail to pamela.gray.hann@nrel.gov.

We recognize that there could be a timing issue with providing this documentation as enrollments might not be finalized before the Event online registration begins, therefore the deadline for submitting Decathlete Eligibility documents is the start of competition week.

A template registrar letter will be made available on the online registration site as well as the registration page on the Solar Decathlon Web site (www.solardecathlon.gov). In addition, the template has been included on the following page.

[Month day year] (Date of letter must be included)

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Subject: Solar Decathlon 2015 Decathlete Eligibility

As required by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2015 Rules, I am providing verification that _____ [Student First and Last Name] who is a member of Team _____ [Team name] meets the following criteria to be considered a decathlete (check one):

- ☐ He or she is currently enrolled in a degree program at this institution as of August 31, 2015.
- ☐ He or she received a degree from this institution within 12 months prior to August 31, 2015.
- ☐ He or she received a degree from this institution within the past 24 months **and** is enrolled in at least one class (live or online) at this institution as of August 31, 2015.

Sincerely,

[Name]
Registrar