

## entry form & requirements | sourcing data

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**All data, claims, facts, etc. included anywhere in the entry form must include a specific, verifiable source. Entries that do not source data will be disqualified.**

In the entry portal, the entry form has a SOURCING box provided at the bottom of each scoring section for all references/footnotes. This allows entrants to provide sourcing affecting word limit restrictions.

1. When submitting your responses to questions 1-4, you must provide a source for all data and facts. At the end of a sentence that requires a source, use the SUPERScript feature to number your sources.
2. In the Sourcing box, numerically list your citations.

### SUGGESTED SOURCING LAYOUT

**Source of Data/Research, Research/Data Type, Dates Covered.**

### ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

- Because of Effie's specific eligibility time period, entrants are required to **include the dates covered for all results data** presented in your case.
- **Judges are not permitted to visit external websites.** If citing a website, please list out the website name, article name (if applicable), and any other relevant citation information, so that the judges know the source without clicking on the link.
- All data must be included in your response to questions 1-4. Entrants may not add additional information or explanation in the sourcing section. The sourcing sections may only be used to provide citation.
- **Use the specific name of the company to reference a source except when the source is an agency** (ad, media, or other). Because Effie is an **agency-blind competition** we require agency research to be referenced via the term "Agency Research." This applies to all agencies, **not limited to the entering agency**. For increased specificity, entrants are encouraged to list type of agency when applicable, such as: PR Agency Research, Media Agency Research, Third Party Agency Research, etc. As with all other sourcing, include any other relevant citation information (type of research/data, dates covered, etc.).
  - Research Companies should be cited by name.
- Judges encourage third-party data when available.
- The Effie Awards reserves the right to check all sources provided for accuracy.



**effie reminder: When citing data, do not list any agency names. Data provided anywhere in the entry form must be sourced.**