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NATIONAL GALLERY FOR AMERICA'S YOUNG INVENTORS™

2025 CANDIDATE ENTRY FORM

To be completed by the student. Print or type in blue or black ink. Deadline: **Postmarked December 5, 2025**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of birth _____/_____/_____ Grade (Fall 2025) _____

Permanent Address: _____

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Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ Evening Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: * (Please print e-mail address legibly)_____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

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School District:_____

School: _____

National Contest(s) Won: (use additional page if needed)_____

Year won: _____Age when awarded: _____

Fax: (_____) _____ U.S. citizen: _____ yes _____no

**Important for future correspondence*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for entry the applicant must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a winner of a national invention competition, or
- Be a patent holder or have a patent pending, or
- Have a product marketed nationally

Late entries will not be accepted. Any Faxed or e-mailed materials must be followed by an original hard copy. The National Gallery is not responsible for lost, stolen, late or misdirected mail, including special handling deliveries.

Entry materials will not be returned. Please retain a copy for your records. You may photocopy any part of the entry form.

Entrants must be or have been full-time students, in grades K-12 at the time they received their award or patent. Students must be no older than 19 years of age on the date of the Induction, and must reside within the United States or U.S. territories.

To ensure fair consideration of entries, those entries that are not submitted with all the required information and do not adhere to the rules will be disqualified. The volume of entries makes it impossible to give individual critiques to entrants.

The National Gallery reserves the right to use a student's name, photograph, quote, likeness, descriptive essay, or video for publicity and promotional purposes.

Make sure you review the list below BEFORE sending in an entry so you can ensure that your creative efforts will not be disqualified.

- Entry includes the National Gallery Candidate Entry Form signed by the student and Parent(s) / Guardian(s).
- Information on the entry form is complete (names, birth date, grade levels, school name, address, telephone number, zip code, e-mail address, etc.)
- Description is typed and preferably double spaced on the entry form. (Extra 8 ½ x 11 paper may be used.)
- Entry is submitted in English.

You may consult our website to view past winners at *www.nmoe.org*.

JUDGING

The selection of the winners will be made by the Student Board of Directors for the National Gallery for America's Young Inventors comprised of up to seven exemplary students nationwide who are distinguished in science, math, engineering and technology.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Usefulness, Benefit to Society	25 points
Creativity/Innovation	25 points
Practicality of the Invention/Feasibility	20 points
Cost Effectiveness/Marketability of the invention	20 points
Completeness and clarity of the invention description	10 points
	100 points

AWARDS

- A Monetary Award
- National Gallery for America's Young Inventors Award
- If a winning entry is submitted by a team, the monetary award will be given to the invention with the understanding that it will be shared equally among inventors. Each team will be awarded one National Gallery for America's Young Inventors Award. (It is suggested that in such cases the Award be donated to the local school for display.)
- There will be no substitution of awards.

MEDIA

It is suggested that each inductee share the story of his/her award with the local media. In addition, we suggest that you use your personal social media contacts to let them know about your success.

INVENTION INFORMATION

I. TITLE OF INVENTION: _____

II. ORIGIN OF INVENTION:

Is this invention a new, original idea? Yes _____ No _____

Is this invention an improvement on an existing product/idea? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain: _____

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Other, explain: _____

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III. <u>DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION</u>: Describe in detail your invention. Use writing, diagrams, and/or photographs, a flash drive, DVD, YouTube or power point of 5 minutes or less. Use whatever method you feel is best to communicate your invention. Keep in mind one of the evaluation criteria is how clearly you communicate your invention. (If you are submitting an <u>abstract from your original submission to a contest</u>, please give a maximum 100-word summary here). This should be written in laymen's terms so that the general public will, as easily as possible, understand your invention. Most likely this will be sent to the media, so make it as clear as you can.

(Attach additional pages if needed)

IV. **<u>USEFULNESS</u>:** How will your invention benefit society? (Include the problem being solved or the need being met):

INDUCTION:
The former Induction Events of the National Gallery for America's Young Inventors are not planned for this year's inductees. Should any change occur due to funding, we will inform you as soon as possible.

I hereby affirm that the information I have provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I understand that my signature is legal and binding.

Student Signature: _____Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____Date: _____

Completed Candidate Entry Form must be postmarked December 5, 2025

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