NATIONAL GALLERY FOR AMERICA’S YOUNG INVENTORS™

2020 AND 2021 CANDIDATE ENTRY FORM

To be completed by student. Print or type in blue or black ink. Deadline: Postmarked October 15, 2021

Date: _____________________________________________

Name: _____________________________________________

Male ______ Female ________ Date of birth ____/____/_______ Grade (Fall 2020 or 2021) ______________

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
SPECIAL NOTE
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Advisory Board of the National Museum of Education, Inc. has elected to delay the 2020 induction to the National Gallery for America’s Young Inventors. We will accept applications for the 2021 induction from BOTH years: 2020 and 2021.

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

AWARDS

- A $500 Check
- Edison Innovation Award
- Thomas A. Edison Silver Dollar Coin on a neck ribbon
- If a winning entry is submitted by a team, only $500 will be awarded. Each team will be awarded an Edison Innovation Award. (It is suggested that in such cases the Edison Innovation Award be donated to the local school for display.)
- There will be no substitution of awards.

MEDIA

Media will be distributed to the local newspapers for each of the inductees. We will post Inductees on the website for the National Gallery for America’s Young Inventors as well as posting to social media.
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. DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION: Describe in detail your invention. Use writing, diagrams,
and/or photographs, a flash drive, DVD, CD, 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 abstract
from your original submission to a contest, 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. **USEFULNESS**: How will your invention benefit society? (Include the problem being solved or the need being met):
INDUCTION:
The Induction Event of the National Gallery for America’s Young Inventors will be held this fall on a date to be specified. (Based on funds availability)

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 October 15, 2021.

Mail completed Candidate Entry Form to:
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