



APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

30th Annual Young Inventors' Showcase of Houston

Saturday, May 19th, 2018
University of Houston

Entry in the Showcase is free of charge and open to all children in Kindergarten through the 8th grade. Families, schools, scout troops, home schools, and other individuals and groups are welcome and encouraged to apply to participate.

Entrants must submit their application for preliminary judging postmarked by April 15th, 2018: even if you were accepted from a local school's showcase final. All applications will be reviewed, and those receiving the highest ratings will be invited to participate in the Young Inventors' Showcase Finals at the University of Houston on **Saturday, May 3rd, 2018**.

Those chosen to proceed to the finals will be notified by May 3rd. All participants in the Young Inventors' Showcase Finals are expected to be at the University of Houston on May 19th, 2018, with their prototype (subject to rules and regulations regarding approved materials) and display boards from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

For more information or additional applications, please contact Max Martin by phone at (832)741-4244 or by email at maxm@smartkidssoftware.com.

- You may email your completed application (including digital photos) to maxm@smartkidssoftware.com
- You may mail your application to **Max Martin**
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Application Check List:

- I have filled out my application completely.
- My parent or guardian and I have signed and dated my application.
- I have attached a photograph of my prototype to my application or email.
- My parent or guardian has signed the Media Release and it is enclosed with my application
- My parent or guardian has signed the Waiver and Release of Confidential Information form and it is enclosed with my application



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All applications must be postmarked or electronically sent by April 15th, 2018

Instructions: PLEASE PRINT legibly using black or blue ink. Applications will be considered complete only if each section is filled out completely AND there is a photograph of your prototype attached.

Inventor Information:

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School or group: _____

Teacher or guide: _____ Grade: _____

Parent / Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Best Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Invention Information:

What is the name of your invention? _____

What problem does your invention solve? _____



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Entry # _____
Office Use Only

Media Release

Please print the information of the Inventors' Showcase participant:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade level in school: _____

I give my permission to the University of Houston and the Young Inventors Association of America to use the photographs and other media of my family taken during the 28th Annual Young Inventors' Showcase in any University publications, other promotional pieces, and media publications. I certify that I have the right, capacity, and authority to provide this consent and I release the University and Young Inventors Association of America from any actions or claims that might arise from the use of the photographs and media.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Waiver and Release of Confidential Information

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It is understood that the Young Inventors' Showcase contestant (the Contestant) as named above will display and exhibit their invention at the University of Houston on May 19th, 2018, and that certain technical, creative, and intellectual property may be viewed by the general public and judged by persons appointed by the University or the Young Inventors Association of America ("YIAA". It is expressly understood by the Contestant that such viewing by the general public and contest judges could result in information relating to the Contestant's proprietary ideas, patentable ideas, copyrights, and/or trade secrets, existing and/or contemplated products and services, software, schematics, research and development, and production being copied or misused.

The University and YIAA are not responsible for any such misuse, duplication, or copyright infringement that may occur and Contestant will hold the University and YIAA harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including legal fees and costs) associated with any claim or action brought against the University or YIAA by Contestant or any third party in connection to Contestant's invention exhibition.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____