



PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT

In consideration of the opportunity for my child to participate in the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum (“Smithsonian”) National High School Design Competition (“Design Competition”), I agree that:

- My child’s participation is subject to the [2026 Design Competition Rules and Conditions](#), which I have reviewed with them.
- My child will retain their rights to their entry (or in the case of team entries, their contribution to the team entry) and, if selected as a regional winner or featured submission, their (or their contribution to a team’s) design as developed during the Design Competition (collectively, the “Designs”), but that the Smithsonian, and those authorized by the Smithsonian, may copy, publish, distribute, publicly display, and otherwise use the Designs in whole or in part for any educational, promotional, or other standard museum purpose, in any media now known or later developed, without compensation to me or my child. This includes, but is not limited to, archives, educational programs, exhibitions, fundraising, promotions (including on social media), research, and publications. This permission is irrevocable and perpetual. Any commercial use requires additional permissions.
- My child did not share any information in the Designs that I do not want made public. Moreover, I waive any expectation of privacy I or my child may have in connection with the Designs.
- My child’s Design is wholly original to my child (or my child’s team) and the Smithsonian may use it as described herein without the need for further permission from third parties (e.g., it does not contain someone else’s copyrighted material or personal information).
- My child’s first name, school, and city and state in which my child resides may be publicly announced on the Design Competition website and promotional materials, alongside my child’s team members, if entering as a team.
- I understand that my child’s teacher’s full name may be publicly announced on the Design Competition website and promotional materials. I represent that I have permission to give the Smithsonian the right to use my child’s teacher’s full name as described above and I have provided a copy of such permission to the Smithsonian, if requested.
- Should my child be selected as a regional winner:
 - The Smithsonian may photograph, film, and make recordings of my child during my child’s participation in any of the Design Competition-related programs and activities, and to edit, cut, reuse, duplicate, publish, distribute, publicly display or perform such film or other recordings of my child, for any purpose whatsoever, for distribution in any channel worldwide, and in any media whether now known or later developed. The photographs or videos taken during the Design Competition and its related programs and activities may be used by the Smithsonian and those authorized by the Smithsonian, in whole or part; they may be used in perpetuity and worldwide. I understand that I need not be notified of such additional uses. I further agree that my child’s name, likeness, voice, statements, image, and biographic or other information may be recorded during the Design Competition or its related programs and activities and waive any right of privacy or publicity in connection with the Design Competition.
 - I will encourage my child to cooperate with the Smithsonian’s reasonable requests in connection with the Design Competition.
 - My child and I shall refrain from publicly discussing their selection as a regional winner until Cooper Hewitt has made the official public announcement on its website (anticipated to be on or around April 7, 2026).
- My child will participate in the Virtual Regional Winners Day on Saturday, May 15, 2026 to be hosted on Zoom (Zoom’s privacy policy is available at <https://zoom.us/educationalprivacy>).
- The Smithsonian is under no obligation to use or retain my child’s Designs. Further, although the featured entries and regional winners’ designs may be featured at the Smithsonian, my child’s Designs will not be accessioned into the Smithsonian’s collections. I also understand that the Smithsonian has the sole discretion in determining whether to include the Design in the Design Competition, or otherwise use it, in whole or in part.

- I release and hold harmless the Smithsonian and its regents, officers, agents, employees, fellows, interns, research associates, volunteers, mentors, judges, and guest speakers and their affiliated organizations, from any and all claims, actions and demands of any kind arising out of my child or my participation in the Design Competition and my or my child's acceptance or usage of the awards and prizes, or the Smithsonian's use of my child's Designs or their name and likeness as provided herein.

Child's Name:

I,, am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above.

My child is years of age and currently enrolled in grade at
..... (name of school or indicate homeschool).

My child's teacher's name is (if submission is part of a class assignment)

By signing below, I represent that I have read the foregoing terms listed on page 1 of the Parent or Legal Guardian Consent, understand, and agree to it:

Signature of parent or legal guardian: **Date:**

Name (print legibly) of the parent or legal guardian who signed above:

Postal address:

Phone number: E-mail:

Provide the full name, phone number, e-mail, and postal address for any additional parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the child named above:

Name:

Postal address:

Phone number: E-mail: