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2011 CANDIDATE ENTRY FORM

To be completed by student. Print or type in blue or black ink. Deadline: **Postmarked September 1, 2011**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of birth ____/____/____ Grade (Fall 2011) _____

Permanent Address: _____

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

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

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

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 Ceremony, 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 1/2 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, 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	<u>10 points</u>
	100 points

AWARDS

- A US Savings Bond
- Edison Innovation Award
- Thomas A. Edison Silver Dollar Coin on a neck ribbon
- Original artwork of each inductee's invention and history
- Display of invention in Akron, Ohio
- If a winning entry is submitted by a team, only one US Savings Bond will be awarded. Each team will be awarded original art and an Edison Innovation Award; and each team member will receive a copy of the art. (It is suggested that in such cases the Edison Innovation Award and artwork be donated to the local school for display.)
- There will be no substitution of awards.

MEDIA

The program will be filmed in its entirety by Time Warner Cable. It will be aired locally and will be available globally for viewing at www.timewarnercable.com for a year following the event.



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: _____

Other, explain: _____

III. DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION: Describe in detail your invention. Use writing, diagrams, and/or photographs, a VHS tape, DVD, CD 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 CEREMONY:

The Induction Ceremony and Weekend Events of the National Gallery for America’s Young Inventors will be held the weekend of **November 11 & 12, 2011**, in Akron, Ohio. Inductees MUST attend the entire Induction Weekend and Ceremony in order to be inducted and receive all awards.

TRANSPORTATION:

The National Gallery will provide domestic airfare and ground transportation for the inductee and one parent/guardian.

HOTEL AND MEALS:

The National Gallery will cover expenses for one hotel room and all meals for one inductee and one parent/guardian. Any other family members and guests are welcome to attend at their own expense.

INDUCTEE AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:

We will accept the responsibility for contacting the specified travel agency given to us to book domestic airfare for our child and one parent no later than one month prior to the weekend event. We will accept all additional transportation costs incurred after that date. Any changes we make to the original flight reservations will be our personal responsibility and all costs will be at our own expense. Any hotel changes or upgrades, or car rental will also be at our own expense. We understand that the National Gallery will provide ground transportation to and from the airport as well as to all scheduled events for the inductee and parent/guardian only. We agree that our child will be present for both days (Friday and Saturday) of the Induction Weekend.

____Yes ____No

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 September 1, 2011.

Mail completed Candidate Entry Form to:

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