



# STUDENT IDEAS for a BETTER AMERICA™

*Do you have a great idea?  
...Or a better way to do something?*



## WANTED: YOUR IDEAS



The National Museum of Education is looking for creative students in grades PreK-12 + College who are U.S. students. Enter any idea or invention for a new way to demonstrate an educational concept, an idea for a new product, an improvement for an existing product, a new procedure, or any idea that solves a problem and/or makes life better. This can be simply an idea that is explained and described, an invention that is a prototype, an invention from a school project, or a project from another competition. All ideas are encouraged and a model is not required.



## MISSION STATEMENT



Student Ideas for a Better America™ seeks to encourage the learning, insight, creativity, and workmanship of America's students by recognizing and rewarding their accomplishments.



## GOALS



1. To demonstrate that valuable ideas can be created by America's youth.
2. To encourage students to develop their ideas into reality.
3. To move students from passive spectators to active participants.
4. To ignite the faith that students can solve real-world problems.
5. To inspire student pride in learning.
6. To inspire America's pride in her students.



## WINNERS



Beginning September 2010, three winners are chosen each month and each will receive \$100.00 and a certificate for his/her idea. Entries are kept for twelve months upon receipt and are considered each month for a year.



## JUDGING CRITERIA AND DIVISIONS



Entries are judged on creativity, uniqueness and usefulness. The judging takes into consideration the student's age. There are 3 divisions: Grades: PreK-3, 4-8, 9-College.



## PRIVACY AND OWNERSHIP



The National Museum of Education is granted permission to use the entrant's name, photograph, likeness, and entry materials including the design, prototype, and inventions for publicity purposes. Students retain ownership and all rights to the design, prototype and inventions.



## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



Winning entries are eligible for induction into the National Gallery for America's Young Inventors. Six student inventors are inducted annually into the National Gallery, the museum where "Dreams Never Die". Educational inventions may receive royalties as seen on CNN and CBS may also be featured in highly circulated national science catalogs.



## HOW TO SUBMIT IDEAS



Complete the Submission Form and mail along with the description of your idea/invention along with drawings, sketches, etc.(photo, video optional) to National Museum of Education 80 W. Bowery St., Suite 305 Akron, OH 44308



# SUBMISSION FORM



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher / Mentor \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Invention or Idea \_\_\_\_\_

If chosen as a winner, please send my prize to:

Student's Home

School, In care of my teacher

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

National Museum of Education, Inc.

80 W. Bowery Street, Suite 305

Akron, Ohio 44308



## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EDUCATION, INC.



The National Museum of Education is a non-profit organization developed and run by award-winning educators, in conjunction with successful business people. It involves all grade levels, all types of students, and all subject areas. The Museum administers many national programs and its ultimate goal is to involve students everywhere in the innovative and creative process.



## THE MUSEUM'S PROGRAMS



National Gallery for America's Young Inventors™  
National Gallery Young Entrepreneur Award™  
Freida J. Riley Teacher Award™  
The National Gallery for America's Young Artists  
Star Quest Rocket Camps™  
Energizer for Innovation Camps  
Student Ideas for a Better America™  
Student Ideas for a Greener Earth™  
Educator Ideas for a Better America™  
Marine Quest 1492  
Educator to Inventor™ Training  
Invention Centers™ Featuring Edison's Laboratory  
Invention Academy™  
Universal Orlando -- Jimmy Neutron's NickToon Blast™ "Generation Genius" Inventor Contest  
BubbleWrap(r) Competition for Young Inventors  
Seawordy Project - Letters Across the Pacific  
Rubber Band Competition for Young Inventors



## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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