



# **APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE**

## **Annual Young Inventors' Showcase of Houston**

*Saturday, May 18th, 2019*

**University of Houston**

Entry in the Showcase is free of charge and open to all children in Kindergarten through the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

On those not chosen to proceed to the finals will be notified by May 15<sup>th</sup>. All participants in the Young Inventors' Showcase Finals are expected to be at the University of Houston on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, with their prototype (subject to rules and regulations regarding approved materials) and display boards from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 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](mailto:maxm@smartkidssoftware.com).

- You may email your completed application to [maxm@smartkidssoftware.com](mailto:maxm@smartkidssoftware.com)
- You may mail your application to **Max Martin**  
**C/O Smart Kids Software**  
**P.O. Box 590464**  
**Houston, Texas 77259-0464**

### **Application Check List:**

- I have filled out my application completely.
- My parent or guardian and I have signed and dated my application.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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What problem does your invention solve? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 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 18th, 2019, 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: \_\_\_\_\_