



**RUBBERBANDCONTEST**  
FOR YOUNG INVENTORS

Hosted by the Rubber Division, ACS, The Akron Global Polymer Academy,  
The University of Akron  
Administered by The National Museum of Education

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

(To be completed by inventor, printed in blue or black ink or typed)

Name of Invention: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Data:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**School District:** \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Teacher or Mentor: (One teacher/mentor per entry)**

Title (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name/Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s) Taught (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

We will send out press releases on the top 100 entries. Please provide contact information for your local newspaper(s).

Name of Newspaper	Phone Number	Email Address	Website
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby affirm that the information I have provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct and that the invention that I have submitted is the sole idea of the inventor or an improvement on a previous invention. Please check one of the two categories below, indicating the category in which you are entering your invention for judging.

I am including my invention in the category of: Arts & Leisure  **or** Science & Engineering

**Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Inventor Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Teacher/Mentor Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Make sure you review the checklist below BEFORE sending in an entry so you can ensure that your creative efforts will not be disqualified:

**I have included: (Please use this as a checklist to be certain that all rules have been followed)**

- Complete Official Entry Form signed by the student, parent/guardian, and teacher or mentor.
- Information on the entry form is complete (name, age, address, phone number, email, school name, address, and telephone number)
- A description of no more than 1,000 words which is neatly written in blue or black ink or typed.
- Entry form submitted in English.
- A clear design or drawing.
- Any or all of the following visuals that will best explain your invention:  
A photograph(s), CD, VHS, DVD, or Flash Drive of the invention with you demonstrating it.
- Signed Finalist and Parent/Guardian Agreement
- Signed Safety Rules & Liability Rules
- General Release

- **Important: Do not send your actual invention at this time.**

**IF, BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010, I AM NOTIFIED THAT I HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS A SEMI-FINALIST, I WILL:**

- Be prepared to immediately submit a **working model** of my invention to the address provided to me upon my notification. A shipping label will be provided to me. (Pack your model well; models received in broken or non-working condition will be disqualified.)
- Be prepared to travel to Akron, Ohio with one parent/guardian for an Awards Ceremony on May 1, 2010. Travel and lodging costs will be paid by the Contest Hosts (see below).

Travel for the four (4) Finalists and one parent and/or guardian respectively will be provided by the Contest Hosts. No substitutions may be made, and any changes to travel arrangements made by the finalist and/or his/her family will be at the cost of the finalist.

**FINALIST AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT;**

Upon notification that I/my child am/is a finalist, the Contest Hosts will coordinate with us to arrange appropriate travel to Akron, Ohio as well as to all scheduled events. Any subsequent changes to travel arranged by the Contest Hosts, will be at our own expense unless previously approved by the Contest Hosts. Personal frequent flyer/hotel credit redemptions cannot be utilized for any National Museum of Education, The University of Akron, The Akron Global Polymer Academy, and The Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society travel bookings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Inventor Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Completed Official Entry Form must be received by 5:00 pm EST, February 10, 2010**

Mail completed Official Entry Form and any visuals to:

**The National Museum of Education**

80 W. Bowery St., Suite 305

Akron, OH 44308-1148

Phone: (330) 376-8300

Web site: [www.nmoe.org](http://www.nmoe.org)

## SAFETY RULES

- The Contest Hosts: the Rubber Division, ACS, The Akron Global Polymer Academy and The University of Akron; and the Contest Administrator: The National Museum of Education **strongly** encourages observation of all safety guidelines and precautions when building the invention.
- Parents, teachers and any adult mentors or advisors should stress the importance of wearing eye-protection (i.e. goggles) when working with tools.
- Students must operate all tools with the guidance of parent, teacher, or other adults.

### LIABILITY RULES:

Note: The Contest Hosts are the Rubber Division, ACS, The Akron Global Polymer Academy, and The University of Akron. The Contest Administrator is The National Museum of Education.

**The Contest Hosts, Sponsor(s) and Administrator are not responsible for any injuries or damages to participants in this competition.**

**The Contest Hosts, Sponsor(s) and Administrator are not responsible for events beyond their control, including, without limitation, acts of God, war, strikes or government restrictions, or any other circumstance of force majeure, nor, in the absence of their own negligence for personal injury, accidents, death, property damage or loss, delay caused by person not controlled by the Contest Hosts, Sponsor(s) or Administrator including, without limitation, airlines, bus companies, railways, hotels, restaurants, taxis or any other agency, company or individual. All contestants and their parents and/or guardians shall agree to be bound by all rules and regulations specified by the Contest Hosts, Sponsor(s) and Administrator. Further, such contestants and their parents and/or guardians shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions set forth in all documents relating to the RUBBER BAND Contest for Young Inventors (including without limitation, the GENERAL RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHY/RADIO/VIDEO/VIDEO RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILD).**

**The Contest Hosts, Sponsor(s) and Administrator reserve the right to amend any portion of the contest, including contest guidelines, publicity and prize packages. Specifically, contestants acknowledge and understand that the possibility of an on-air broadcast to media may be preempted or cancelled for any reason by the network or the Contest Hosts, Sponsor(s) or Administrator.**

**I/We have read and understand the foregoing rules and agree.**

**Inventor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Print Name**

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Print Name**

**Please Call The National Museum of Education  
With any contest questions at (330) 376-8300  
Or Email – [info@nmoe.org](mailto:info@nmoe.org)  
Or FAX – (330) 376-0566**

Contest Hosts:  
The Akron Global Polymer Academy, The University of Akron,  
Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society (ACS)  
Contest Administrator:  
The National Museum of Education

**GENERAL RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHY/RADIO/VIDEO RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILD**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the lawful parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and for good and valuable consideration, I grant *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator* and their successors, assigns, and licensees, permission to photograph my child, record my child's voice, reproduce my child's voice and picture, and use my child's name, voice and picture in and in connection with advertising, publicity and promotional activities related to *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator* and that I do so freely and that I assume for myself all risk to personal injury or property damage which I may suffer, incur or cause. I hereby forever unconditionally hold harmless, release, expressly waive, covenant not to sue and discharge *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator*, and their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, attorneys, shareholders, partners, controlling persons, predecessors, subsidiaries, affiliates, parent corporations, insurers, successors, and assigns (the "Released Parties") from any and all claims, demands, damages, causes of action, remedies, debts, liabilities, attorney's fees or controversies of any kind whatsoever, whether known, anticipated, or unknown and unanticipated, whether in contract or tort, whether at law or in equity, (including any loss or injury sustained as a result of any negligent act or omission by *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator*) that I, my child, my heirs, successors or assigns have or may ever assert, against the Released Parties relating to or arising from the "Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors" and/or the production, advertising or promotion thereof.

I grant to *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator* and their successors, assigns, agents and licensees the right (in their sole discretion) to use these photographs and videotapes with my child's name for publicity, advertising and promotional purposes in all media now existing or hereafter created, including, but not limited to printed materials, theatrical, non-theatrical, television and for all electronic media including Internet usage.

This permission is given to *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator* with the knowledge that *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator* will rely thereon at substantial cost to *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator*, and I agree not to assert any claim against *the Contest Hosts and/or the Contest Administrator* any nature whatsoever arising by reason of its use of such elements.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Minor Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Minor Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

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City/State/Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number