

# Science Fair Parental Agreements - New Student

School: **Brownsville- Rivera High School**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

## Code of Conduct

I understand that all participants are expected to:

- Treat all fellow participants, judges, volunteers and other science fair staff with respect and courtesy.
- Remain by their projects at all times during the competition unless instructed or given permission to do otherwise.
- Respect other projects and property.
- Report any instances of inappropriate behavior to a supervising adult.
- Any violation of the above could result in removal from the competition.

## COPPA

- I have read and understand the attached student privacy (COPPA) statement.
- I authorize my child to create an online account with "Scienteer" to help manage their science fair project.
- I authorize "Scienteer" to collect necessary information from my child for use with their science fair project and the features included with the Scienteer website.

## Media Release

- I have read and understand the attached Media Release and I understand that any media of my child (likeness / voice / image/ video /photo etc.) taken during a competition may be used by the host of that competition in which my child is participating, in programs or publications for distribution throughout the United States and abroad in connection with publicity and institutional promotional purposes relating to that competition.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes you may take and use photos, videos, and other forms of media etc. of my child (I agree to the media release)

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ No you may not take and/or use photos, videos or other forms of media of my child (I do not agree to the media release)

By signing below, I verify:

- I am the parent or guardian of the named student.
- I agree and accept the **COPPA** statement and give permission for the named student to create an account with Scienteer.
- I agree to the **Code of Conduct**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian's Printed Name**

Sign the above and return **the first page** to the student's teacher.

# Media Release Statement

## Texas Science and Engineering Fair

### **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: WHEREBY THE "SYSTEM MEMBER" IS TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING AND THE "PROJECT" IS THE TEXAS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR**

The Participant consents to the use by the System Member and assigns and grants to System Member the irrevocable and unconditional power, right, privilege and permission to make, record, produce, edit, modify, reproduce, exhibit, distribute, publish, publicly or privately display, publicly or privately perform, create derivative works, and transmit by the means of still photography, live or recorded broadcast, cablecast, webcast, or Internet streaming, broadband, wireless, mobile, film, videotape, or any other similar mechanical or electronic method (whether now known or invented later) the Participant's performance, contribution, appearance, name, voice, picture, likeness, poses, actions and any combination of any of these (the "Appearance") in connection with the Project which is generally for the purposes of education, instruction, research, publicity, advertising, and promotion in connection with the Project. Participant also waives any moral or similar rights Participant may have in the Project relating to the Appearance.

Participant understands that System Member shall have the absolute power and right to copyright the recorded production (and System Member shall be the owner of such copyright), in whole or in part, of the Project involving Participant and the Appearance and that such recorded production may be subsequently used, in whole or in part (including but not limited to any still recordings, images, or screen shots) for any purpose, including but not limited to the purposes described above at any time and from time to time hereafter throughout the world.

Participant also understands that there is no compensation or other consideration for appearance or participation in the Project, or for the grant of rights described in this document and that the opportunity to potentially appear in the recorded production related to the Project is sufficient consideration received for this Appearance Release.

Participant releases and discharges System Member, The Texas A&M University System and/or any affiliated organization, and their respective, regents, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the Appearance or the making, producing, reproducing, processing, exhibiting, distributing, publishing, transmitting by any means described above or otherwise using the recorded production relating to the Project or the Appearance (e.g., violation of privacy rights; rights of publicity; false light; libel, slander, or disparagement; or copyright or trademark infringement).

Participant represents and warrants that Participant has not granted any similar rights to any third party that would conflict with the rights granted to System Member in this Appearance Release. Participant certifies and warrants that Participant is of legal age, has full power, right and authority to enter into this consent and release, has read same in its entirety, understands all of its terms and provisions, and voluntarily and knowingly executes this Appearance Release.

### **TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

I hereby authorize the Texas Workforce Commission (the "Agency"), including any of its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, to photograph, videotape, film or record me in any media in relation to my participation in the Texas Science and Engineering Fair. The Agency may use my name, image, likeness, and the attached written information about myself, as shown in the written materials, photographs, video, film, electronic images, and/or audio recordings in relation to my participation in the Texas Science and Engineering Fair in whatever way they desire, including print, broadcast, web content and social media. I understand that I will not receive any monetary compensation for time or services.

Furthermore, I hereby release and discharge the Agency from any and all claims and demands arising out of, or in conjunction with, the use of my name, image, likeness and the attached written information about myself, as shown in the written materials, photographs, video, film, electronic images, and/or audio recordings and the plates, tapes and/or software from which they are made, including but not limited to, any and all claims for copyright, defamation, libel and privacy. I understand that these materials shall become the sole property of the Agency and it shall have the right to duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of the material for any lawful purpose, including illustration, advertising, promotion, and publication. I hereby waive the right to inspect or approve any such use of my name, image, likeness,

and the attached written information about myself, as shown in the written materials, photographs, video, film, electronic images and/or audio recordings in relation to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

### **Rio Grande Valley Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Texas Workforce Commission, ExxonMobil, my school district and/or any sponsors, of any and all photographs or video recordings taken of me at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Science and Engineering Fair (RGVRSEF) for the purposes of promotion, illustration, advertising, or publication, without further compensation to me. All negatives, prints and digital images shall constitute the property of RGVRSEF and/or their designated publicity agents.

### **Brownsville ISD District Fair (High School)**

I hereby consent and authorize the use and reproduction by Brownsville ISD of any and all photographs or video recordings taken of me at the BISD High School Science & Engineering Fair for the purposes of promotion, illustrations, advertising, or publications without further compensation to me. All negatives, prints, and digital images, shall continue to be the property of BISD and/or their designated publicity agents.

## Approval Form (1B)

A completed form is required for each student, including all team members.

### 1. To Be Completed by Student and Parent

#### a. Student Acknowledgment:

- I understand the risks and possible dangers to me of the proposed research plan.
- I have read the Intel ISEF Rules and Guidelines and will adhere to all International Rules when conducting this research.
- I have read and will abide by the following Ethics statement

**Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Such practices include plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, and fabrication of data. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs and the Intel ISEF.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Acknowledged (mm/dd/yy)  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

#### b. Student Acknowledgment:

I have read and understand the risks and possible dangers involved in the **Research Plan**.  
I consent to my child participating in this research.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Acknowledged (mm/dd/yy)  
(Must be prior to experimentation.)

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**Scientēer.**

# Student Privacy (COPPA)

Scienteer Paperless Online Science Fair Project Management System Student Privacy

Scienteer is committed to protecting the privacy of children who use our website and science fair project management tool. This Children's Online Privacy Policy explains our information collection, disclosure, and parental consent practices with respect to information provided by children under the age of 13 ("child" or "children"). This policy is in accordance with the U.S. Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA"), and outlines our practices in the United States and Latin America regarding children's personal information. For more information about COPPA and general tips about protecting children's online privacy, please visit <http://www.onguardonline.gov/articles/0031-protecting-your-childs-privacy-online>

Scienteer's full privacy policy can be found at <http://scienteer.com/privacy>

## 1. The Information We Collect From Children, How We Use It, and How and When We Communicate With Parents

Scienteer offers to its users an online paperless science fair management application, targeted for students, schools, teachers, mentors and science fair staff. Our site helps students register and manage their research and helps teachers, mentors and fair personnel to track and provide assistance to their students for their science fair competitions. Below we summarize potential instances of collection and outline how and when we will provide parental notice and/or seek parental consent. In any instance that we collect personal information from a child, we will retain that information only so long as reasonably necessary to fulfill the activity request or allow the child to continue to have access to his/her account, and ensure the security of our users and our services, or as required by law. In the event we discover we have collected information from a child in a manner inconsistent with COPPA's requirements, we will either delete the information or immediately seek the parent's consent for that collection.

### Registration

Children can register under their school and teacher for participation in the science fair competitions. During the registration process, we ask the child to provide certain information for notification, advancement tracking, competition participation, user account management, safety and security purposes, and registration of required paperwork. The child's user account information will be kept from year to year so that the student maintains access until it is terminated by a Parent, Teacher, School or Science Fair Official. This information may include:

A parent or guardian's email address, the child's name, the child's e-mail, ethnicity, gender, the child's member or account username, and password. We also ask for birth dates to validate their ages. We will not require a child to provide more information than is reasonably necessary in order to participate in the science fair competitions.

**About the collection of parent email address:** Consistent with the requirements of COPPA, on any child-targeted site or application, or in any instance where we ask for age and determine the user is age 12 or under, we will ask for a parent or guardian email address or written permission before we collect any personal information from the child. If you believe your child is participating in an activity that collects personal information and you or another parent/guardian have NOT received an email or notification providing notice or seeking your consent, please feel free to contact us at [privacy@scienteer.com](mailto:privacy@scienteer.com). We will not use these parent or children's emails to market to the parent or child, they will be for notification and verification purposes only.

### **About Verifiable Parental Consent:**

**Email Consent.** To collect personal information from a child, COPPA requires that we first seek a parent or guardian's consent by email. In the email we will explain what information we are collecting, how we plan to use it, how the parent can provide consent, and how the parent can revoke consent. If we do not receive parental consent within a reasonable time, we will delete the parent contact information and any other information collected from the child in connection with that activity.

**Written Consent.** If a parent or guardian can't be reached by e-mail, the child will bring home a set of forms for the parent to sign. The child will bring the signed forms back to his/her school and the child's teacher will verify the information and that consent has been given. In the forms packet we will explain what information we are collecting, how we plan to use it, and how the parent can revoke consent. If we do not receive parental consent within a reasonable time, we will delete the parent contact information and any other information collected from the child in

connection with that activity.

## **Notifications**

From time to time a child may receive e-mail notifications or reminders from Scientisteer that something in his/her account or research project needs attention.

## **Persistent Identifiers**

When children interact with Scientisteer, certain information may automatically be collected, both to make our sites and applications more interesting and useful to children and for various purposes related to our business. Examples include the type of computer operating system, the child's IP address or mobile device identifier, the web browser, the frequency with which the child visits various parts of our sites or applications, and information regarding the online or mobile service provider. This information is collected using technologies such as cookies, flash cookies, web beacons, and other unique identifiers. This information may be collected by Scientisteer or by a third party. This data is principally used for internal purposes only, in order to:

- provide children with access to features on our site
- customize content and improve our sites and applications
- conduct research and analysis to address the performance of our site and application
- generate anonymous reporting for use by Scientisteer

Please contact us at the mailing address, email, or phone number below with questions about the operators' privacy policies and collection and use practices:

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1724 Windy Walk Cove  
Spicewood, TX 78669  
United States of America

Phone: (512) 284-4810  
Email: [privacy@scienteer.com](mailto:privacy@scienteer.com)

## **2. Who will have access to my child's information?**

- The child's school science fair coordinator, teacher and/or mentor, and specific fair staff required for competition processes such as fair directors, judges and safety/regulatory review boards, scholarships, or awards associated directly with the child's affiliated science fair competition and the child's research project.
- We may disclose personal information if permitted or required by law, for example, in response to a court order or a subpoena. To the extent permitted by applicable law, we also may disclose personal information collected from children (i) in response to a law enforcement or public agency's (including schools or children services) request; (ii) if we believe disclosure may prevent the instigation of a crime, facilitate an investigation related to public safety or protect the safety of a child using our sites or applications; (iii) to protect the security or integrity of our sites, applications, and other technology, as well as the technology of our service providers; or (iv) enable us to take precautions against liability.
- No third party (other than those listed above) will ever be provided with any personally identifiable information.

## **3. Parental Choices and Controls**

At any time, parents can refuse to permit us to collect further personal information from their children in association with a particular account, and can request that we delete from our records the personal information we have collected in connection with that account. Please keep in mind that a request to delete records will lead to a termination of the accounts, memberships, and competition entry.

Where a child has registered for a [scienteer.com](http://scienteer.com) account, we use two methods to allow parents to access, change, or delete the personally identifiable information that we have collected from their children:

1. Parents make the request to their child's teacher
2. Parents can contact [scienteer.com](http://scienteer.com) directly to request access to, change, or delete their child's personal information by sending an email to us at [support@scienteer.com](mailto:support@scienteer.com)