

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
of the 18th Annual Rubber Band Contest (2025-2026)

*** TO HELP AVOID BEING DISQUALIFIED ***

- Make sure you read all of the rules and include ALL of the required materials with your entry. Consider making a checklist to help you keep track. Many disqualifications are a result of forgetting to include a required item or signature.
- Make sure you have completed each required field of your Official Entry Form and General & Publicity Release Form and gathered all of the required signatures (student and parent/guardian).
- Make sure you have NOT submitted a group entry. Students must work alone.
- Any entry that is missing any portion of the required signatures or required materials will be subject to disqualification from the contest.
- DO NOT send your actual invention/artwork.
- NOTE: NO ELECTRONIC ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED – You must mail the original signed paper forms.
- NOTE: Due to time constraints, we will NOT BE ACCEPTING ENTRY VIDEOS. Please do not send any form of video with your entry. We will not be able to watch it.

Mail your entry (must be postmarked by February 20, 2026) to:

MAIL TO: Jason Miller The University of Akron Auburn Science and Engineering Center Room 228 Akron, Ohio 44325-3901
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Teachers may send multiple student entries in one postmarked package.



Hosted by: The Akron Global Polymer Academy

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

INVENTION/ARTWORK TITLE: _____

DIVISION (must select one or the other): ☐ **Arts & Leisure** ☐ **Science & Engineering**

STUDENT DATA:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____ Age: ____ Grade in School: ____

Gender (optional): Male ☐ Female ☐

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

***Please write or type this email very CLEARLY. It will be our primary way to communicate with you.**

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

SPONSORING TEACHER/MENTOR DATA:

Name: _____

School/Organization Name _____

School/Organization Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Teacher/Mentor Email: _____

PARENT GENERAL RELEASE AND PROMOTIONAL/PUBLICITY RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILD:

NOTE: Contest Host: The Akron Global Polymer Academy.

By signing this entry form, I acknowledge that I am the lawful parent or legal guardian of the contestant (the minor child listed below) and for good and valuable consideration, I grant *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)* and their successors, assigns, and licensees, permission to reproduce and use all entry materials we submit (including: my child's invention/artwork name, my child's invention/artwork picture, my child's picture and my child's name), in and in connection with advertising, publicity and promotional activities related to *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)* and that I do so freely. I hereby forever unconditionally hold harmless, release, expressly waive, covenant not to sue and discharge *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)*, 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 sustained as a result of any negligent act or omission by *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)*) 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 Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)* and their successors, assigns, agents and licensees the right (in their sole discretion) to use all entry materials (including: my child's invention/artwork name, my child's invention/artwork picture, my child's picture and 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 Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)* with the knowledge that *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)* will rely thereon at substantial cost to *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)*, and I agree not to assert any claim against *the Contest Host and/or any and all Contest Sponsor(s)* any nature whatsoever arising by reason of its use of such elements.

CONTESTANT/PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:

I/We have read and understand all of the foregoing rules associated with the Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors (including the Official Rules and Parent General Release and Promotional/Publicity Release for Minor Child) and hereby agree to them.

I/We also hereby affirm that the information I have provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct and that the invention/artwork that I/we have submitted is the sole idea of the contestant (or an improvement on his/her previous invention/artwork).

Student Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minor Child (print name of your child here): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian (print your name here): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____