



GENIUS Olympiad FINALIST GUIDE

Dear GENIUS Olympiad Finalists,

If you have more questions, please let us know by emailing info@geniusolympiad.org. Email is preferred communication. In order to provide you with the best possible experience at the GENIUS Olympiad, you must read each of the following topics carefully and provide the requested information in a timely manner.

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1. STEPS TO FOLLOW

- a) CHECK your finalist status on our website or application site. Finalists should take the following steps.
- b) REGISTER PARTICIPANTS (ALL participants must be registered, including supervisors, and those who will stay in hotel) by logging into project application system. This is additional step and different than application. Provide participant information correctly and pay the participation fee per participant (including supervisors, guests, and those who will stay at hotel) in order to confirm your participation (**Deadline May 1**).
- c) INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS: REQUEST an invitation letter after participant registration for whole group travelling together and fees paid for within the application platform. Once the participation list is approved, invitation letter will be posted into the application site under participant tab. You may print your letter from your account. The sooner you provide participant information and fees, the sooner you will receive your letter. The guests MUST also pay participation fee in order to be included in the invitation letter.
- d) DECIDE and REGISTER TRIPS (optional) whether you will attend the Washington DC, Boston, or NY City Trip (Deadline: May 10). We will provide bus service (\$75, Monday June 6) from JFK to RIT Campus for those who will register at trip (see item #11). You will register for the trips in application system by May 10.
- e) SUBMIT your Travel Information (Deadline: June 1) using the "Travel information" tab in the application system. This information should be submitted only once for the project by the group supervisor.
- f) RULES & MEDIA AGREEMENT: By participating into GENIUS Olympiad, you agree to all the rules, code of conduct, and media consent agreement stated on this document under item 15.

2- CHECK LIST – WHAT TO BRING?

- 1- Photo I.D. for all participants (keep a color copy of your passport with you at all times, including US Visa)
- 2- All project display materials (if not shipped).
- 3- Cultural items, promotional catalogs, and small gift items to share with others at the international fair.
- 4- Personal hygiene items (towel, shower gel, toothpaste, etc.).
- 5- International-to-US outlet converter for your charging needs (computer, cell phones etc.).
- 6- Business/formal attire and traditional cultural attire (optional) for opening and award ceremonies.
- 7- Sweaters for chilly nights: Weather will be 65-90 F (20-32°C) during the day and 60-70 F (15-22°C) at night.
- 8- Cash in U.S. currency for shopping at on-campus shops. The campus center has ATM machines.

3- SHIPPING INFORMATION

- **Bring electronic copies of your documents on a flash drive. If something goes wrong (such as your luggage does not show up), you will need these for last-minute printing.**
- We recommend that you personally bring your project display materials with you. **For those who prefer to ship their display materials, including trifolds, please use the TERRA Science and Education address (instructions):**
 1. Make sure that you have your name printed on the shipment in large format.
 2. Your shipment must arrive at the following address between June 1 and 6. (We will not be at the address after 11th, therefore make sure for the arrival of the package by 6)
 3. Your shipment will be brought to the display area by 9 am for project set-up.
 4. You are responsible for the return of your project materials. The campus has a US Postal Service and UPS store at Nathaniel Rochester Hall or Global Village Post Office for your shipment needs.

The Terra address or any campus address CANNOT be used to ship personal items to participants or guests attending GENIUS. The campus does not provide mail service for participants. We are NOT responsible for any lost packages or mail. Any packages or mail received after Thursday, June 1 will be returned to sender.

4- ACCOMMODATION / LODGING INFORMATION

Participants will stay in student housing dorms with double bedrooms with no air conditioning. GENIUS check-in starts on Monday June 6 at 11 am. This service is provided as part of your registration fee.

Children under the age of 12 will NOT be offered housing on campus due to NY State regulations. Parents with a child under the age of 12 should arrange their own accommodation within RIT INN Hotel (see below).

EARLY ARRIVALS/LATE DEPARTURES: Please arrange your own hotel accommodations with RIT INN Hotel for a day or two for the early arrival or late departures. **GENIUS Olympiad check-in starts on Monday June 6 at 10 am.** GENIUS Olympiad participants **MUST check out of the dorms by 11 am on Saturday June 11.** Participants who needs/wants to extend their stay can contact RIT INN Hotel (www.ritinn.com and use GENIUS 2022 code to receive special rate) to make reservations to extend their visit.

Hotel on RIT Campus (RITINN): RIT campus has a nearby RIT Inn and will provide a special rate for GENIUS Olympiad Participants (\$109+tax for a standard room and \$159+tax for executive room). If you prefer to stay in the hotel, please make your own arrangements with RIT INN Hotel at their website www.ritinn.com using GENIUS2022 discount code. Participants who stay at RIT INN Hotel will pay for their lodging, but still have to register with GENIUS Olympiad for meals, trips, Niagara Falls trip services. Hotel will also provide shuttle service between campus and hotel as well as between airport and hotel. RIT INN also offers free breakfast, access to pools and reception.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS will be made at the check-in during your arrival. Participants will be placed in the rooms according to their preference; either with another participant of the same gender from same school or different school. Supervisors may be roomed with another supervisor as well. If a student attends with his/her parent, they may be roomed together, based on their preference. Male and female participants will be placed on separate buildings/floors. Families who are roomed together will be placed in a separate building identified as mixed gender. GENIUS Olympiad is willing to work with participants who are without a gender identity.

DORMS: Dorms have community bathrooms (separate for males and females). Linens will be provided. Towels and personal hygiene products (soap, shower gels, toothpaste, etc.) will NOT be provided by the GENIUS Olympiad. You are advised to bring all your personal hygiene products for a week.

PETS are NOT allowed in the dorms.

DINING SERVICES: GENIUS Olympiad provides meals, which are stated on the schedule, as part of your participation registration fee. RIT Dining will be offering meals at an all-you-care-to-eat facility (including salad bar, soup, sandwich bar, and hot meal bar) at Gracie's Dining Hall. RIT Dining will be offering halal and several vegetarian food options, however it is not Kosher certified (for any Kosher needs, please reach out to GO via email so these needs can be accommodated). Food items will be specified as Gluten free. All participants are responsible for their personal expenses other than what will be provided by GENIUS Olympiad. RIT Campus has other a la carte dining options available for a fee to purchase, which can be made by cash and credit/debit (excluding AMEX) and offer a wide variety of food options. For anyone with special dietary needs or restrictions, please contact Genius Olympiad via email directly. For more information on RIT dining locations and services, please visit <https://www.rit.edu/fa/diningservices/locations>.

All halls, where accommodation, dining, and events take place are **ACCESSIBLE** for disabled participants.

SUPERVISORS MUST BE with their students at all times per NY State law while on campus. Parents, teachers, a close relative can be adult supervisors accompanying students during the event. One supervisor may accompany several students.

FREE Wi-Fi will be available for GENIUS Olympiad participants on campus and in dorm rooms.

GUESTS (additional parents, supervisor, sibling, or student participants, which will be identified during registration by the system) are subject to pay \$750 guest fee, which is the actual cost of each participant, to cover lodging, food, Niagara Falls trip. However, if the guest decides to stay in RIT INN hotel, their fee will be \$400 to cover their food, Niagara Falls trip, and airport pickup/drops. Additional guest accommodation is subject to availability.

Student or Supervisor Participants who choose to stay at RIT INN hotel, instead of provided dorm rooms, must be still registered with GO and pay the registration fees at full to cover dining services, Niagara Falls trip and Airport services. Please check Hotel on RIT section how to get reserve your room with RIT inn with special code.

HOURS of BUILDING - SECURITY: Participants will have a card to access their buildings. The doors of the dorm building will be locked and NO one will be allowed to socialize in the common areas at 11.30 am. Campus security will be present outside of the dorms.

DESK HOURS: The front desk will have 24 hour staffing. Please visit the desk with any questions.

ALCOHOL POLICY: GENIUS Olympiad is an **ALCOHOL-FREE event**, therefore drinking or serving alcohol is not allowed during the event even for the adults. If you are under 21 years of age, you are prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol in US.

SEXUAL CONDUCT: Sexual conduct with someone under age of 17 or with lack of their consent is prohibited and may cause imprisonment between 1-25 years.

SMOKING POLICY: Smoking is strictly prohibited in all college buildings. **RIT Campus is SMOKING FREE campus, therefore you are not allowed to smoke (includes E-CIGARATES) on campus premises.**

LAUNDRY: The laundry room with washing machines and driers is located in the basement. If you wish to hand wash your clothes, please use sinks in laundry room ONLY.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: FIRE DRILLS/ALARMS – WE WILL HOLD FIRE DRILL ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF GENIUS

EVACUATION ROUTE: Please do not use the elevators in the event of a fire alarm. Please take the stairwells to exit the building. Be sure to move 50 feet away from the building to ensure your personal safety.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you cannot navigate the stairs, please wait at the top of the stairwell on your floor for fire safety personnel to assist you in exiting the building.

FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT: There are fire extinguishers/pull boxes located on each floor in case of an emergency.

5- TRAVEL & AIRPORT PICKUP/DROP INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses to attend the GENIUS Olympiad event.

ROCHESTER AIRPORT PICK UP ONLY: GENIUS Olympiad will provide free pick up and drop off services from ONLY Greater Rochester Airport of NY on Monday June 6 between 11am until Midnight. Those who take bus to arrive (Greyhound, Megabus, or Trailways) should take a cab (taxi) or Uber/Lyft to arrive RIT campus.

Supervisors who accompany students must provide travel information about all participants who are coming to GENIUS Olympiad as a group/school. Please purchase your tickets before you provide this information to us.

Groups which arrive a day early (Sunday) or late (Tuesday) MUST arrange their own transportation to RIT Campus. RIT Campus is 8 min away from the airport and costs only \$10-12 by Uber or Lyft. Early arrivals must arrange their own lodging at RIT INN Hotel until June 6 by 11 am. Please read Hotel on RIT under section 4 for RIT INN info.

TRAVEL BY AIR: The closest airport to RIT is GREATER ROCHESTER AIRPORT (4-5 miles, 8 min drive, \$10-12 by Uber/Lyft). GENIUS Olympiad will provide free shuttle services from the airport ONLY ON MONDAY, June 6, starting at 11.00 am until late midnight at 12.30 am. The bus will leave the airport almost every hour and as it gets full. GENIUS Olympiad will welcome you at the airport and direct you to transportation services.

JFK AIRPORT PICK UP for TRIP PARTICIPANTS ONLY: If you are planning to attend optional DC/NYC trips after GENIUS, your arrival airport can be JFK and you can be picked by GO bus at JFK airport. You will be dropped at JFK airport at the end of trip (except IVY Trip, which will end at Boston). JFK airport pick-up service will be \$75 per participant only on Monday, June 6, 2022. JFK Bus registration is on application platform.

RETURN SHUTTLES to ROCHESTER AIRPORT (only 8-10 minutes): FRIDAY June 10 at 4.15 pm, 5.00 pm, 5.45 pm and SATURDAY June 11 at 4 am, 4.45 am, 5.30, 7.00 am, 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.00, 11.00 am, and 11.55 am.

Those who will take the optional DC/NYC trips will be dropped at JFK airport at the end of their trip schedule. Those who will take the optional DC/NYC/Boston trip will be dropped at Boston airport at the end of their trip schedule.

TRAVEL BY TRAIN/BUS: (NOTE We do NOT provide shuttle service for this) You should arrange to arrive at the Rochester Regional Transportation train/bus terminal. [Amtrak](#) (train services) or [Greyhound](#) or [MegaBus](#) (bus

services) serve to Rochester. **GENIUS Olympiad does NOT provide shuttle service from train/bus terminal.** However, you may take taxi/Uber/Lyft for 8 minutes drive costing around \$12. Arrive at Grace Watson Hall on RIT.

TRAVEL BY CAR: Please arrive at Grace Watson Hall on RIT Campus. You will get free parking permit on campus on **Lot C with a parking permit.** For campus map and parking information, please read the parking information section.

PLANNING TO TAKE TRAIN OR BUS FROM NY CITY TO ROCHESTER? When arrived to Rochester, You may need to take Taxi, Uber/Lyft to RIT Campus

You may use [Amtrak](#) (train services) or [Greyhound](#) or [MegaBus](#) (bus services). You need to go to Penn Station in order to take Amtrak train. You need to go to Port Authority in order to take a bus.:

Step 1: Take the JFK air train (terminal train) and go to the subway that is located in the airport (it is called Jamaica Station).

Step 2: Take the A TRAIN that goes towards Manhattan.

Step 3: Disembark (i.e., Leave) from the subway at the Port Authority station (or it is also called the 42 St station).

Step 4: Just go upstairs to the Street and you will see a very big building which is the Port Authority station.

Step 5: Ask someone where the bus stations (Greyhound or Megabus) are located. It is usually on the ground floor, but just in case ask someone who works at Greyhound or Megabus. The customer service is located on the second or third floor.

If you want to go to Penn Station to disembark (get out) from the subway at Penn Station which is on the 34 street station.

Note: You have to be on time for your bus. It usually takes about 30 to 45 minutes to go from JFK to Port Authority.

6- PARKING INFORMATION

Participants who arrive with their car may park their vehicle for free at Parking Lot C (Grace Watson Hall parking lot) on campus. You need to ask for a parking permit at the GENIUS registration desk to park for free on campus.

7- DRESS CODE

Participants are REQUIRED to wear their name badge at all times during the conference. Participants will not be allowed to attend events, enter dorm rooms, dining services, or Niagara Falls trip without their ID badges.

Event	Dress Code	Attendees
Ice-breaker Activities	GENIUS T-shirt	GENIUS
Opening and Awards Ceremonies	Business Casual or Traditional Costume	Open to public
Reception and Public Viewing	Business Casual or Traditional Costume	Open to public
Judging	Business/Formal casual	Judges
Niagara Falls Trip	GENIUS T-shirt & ID is REQUIRED	GENIUS
International Fair	Business Casual or Traditional Costume	Open to public
All Other Events	Casual	

8- INTERNATIONAL FAIR

The purpose of the international fair is to provide an opportunity for all participants to promote their culture and country. Each country and state will be provided with table space for displays and promotional items to promote their culture. In addition, participants will be given an opportunity to perform (sing, dance, etc). US participants can present their states, and only one table will be provided for to each state, to be shared by multiple participants. Please be creative in providing a fun and educational fair to enjoy and learn. Please see the schedule on our website for the date and times of the event. Those who would like to perform during the international fair should register their performance through the application system. Contact us at info@geniusolympiad.com and describe the performance and duration.

9- TERRA DISCOVERY TRIPS AFTER GENIUS OLYMPIAD

GENIUS offers the following trips on a first-come, first-served based on complete payment and registration. Teachers/supervisors will receive 10% discount for every non-supervisor participant (students and guests):

1- Six Flags Great Adventure (NJ) & New York City Trip (3 nights & 2 days) \$645, June 10 - 13, 2022 (starts at Rochester and ends at NY JFK airport). Participants will be dropped at JFK by 11-11.30am on Monday, June 13.

2- Washington DC & New York City Trip (3 nights & 2 days): \$595, June 10 - 13, 2022 (starts at Rochester and ends at New York JFK airport). Participants will be dropped at JFK by 11-11.30 am on Monday, June 13.

3- Washington DC & New York City Trip (4 nights & 3 days): \$745, June 10 - 14, 2022 (starts at Rochester and ends at New York JFK airport). Participants will be dropped at JFK by 11-11.30 am on Tuesday, June 14.

4- Washington DC & New York City & Ivy University Tour (Boston) (6 nights & 4 days): \$1050, June 10 - 16, 2022 (starts from Rochester and ends at Boston Logan airport). You will visit Harvard, MIT, Yale, Brown, Columbia, and Princeton University during this trip. Participants will be dropped at Boston Airport by 11-11.30 am on Thursday, June 16.

5- Customized trips: GENIUS Olympiad can arrange a customized trip for your group. For this option please contact us before April 15.

There will be **JFK airport (NYC) pick-up bus service** for ONLY those who will attend one of our trips to bring them to the GENIUS Olympia campus. JFK airport pick-up service will be \$75 per participant only on Monday, June 6.

Trip Fees must be paid by May 10. Payments will be collected online only within the application process. Full refunds are given until May 10, all others may not be refunded due to advance payments to hotels and bus companies to reserve space.

Each bus will have at least one GENIUS Olympiad staff member who will lead the group, however in general, it is a self-driven trip at the city. We will provide a guide to prepare you for the trip.

10- PRINTING INFORMATION

Fee based printing services, including last minute emergency poster prints, are available on campus on a need basis. GENIUS Olympiad provides only black/white printing (regular US paper size only) at registration desk.

11- CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

During judging hours GENIUS Olympiad and RIT will provide several educational activities for groups. These are designed to educate participants about environment, learning, and education. The topics and the presenters will be announced on our website. All participants of the program will receive a RIT certificate.

12- HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION / IMMUNIZATION

HEALTH INSURANCE: The U.S. health system does not provide free health care, therefore it is **HIGHLY** recommended for international participants to purchase travel health insurance. You may purchase travel insurance from www.insuremytrip.com for \$30-50 per person. GENIUS Olympiad is not affiliated with this company and you may choose to purchase your insurance from other companies. **GENIUS Olympiad will NOT cover any health related expenses of any of its participants.**

COVID VACCINATION REQUIREMENT: All participants **MUST** submit the proof of US acceptable fully vaccination status record. The COVID vaccination records must be submitted within application site during participation registration. We follow the CDC guidelines in terms of proof of vaccination records and acceptable vaccines. Please read the [following CDC site for more information.](#)

IMMUNIZATION RECORD: The New York State Department of Health requires all participants attending programs at college campuses show proof of adequate immunization for measles, mumps, and rubella. Participants must bring a copy of their official immunization record from their health care provider showing adequate immunity for measles, mumps, and rubella. **In the event of the measles, mumps, or rubella outbreak, participants without an immunization record will be quarantined for 7-21 days (depending on disease outbreak).**

Specific requirements are proof of the following vaccines: two measles, mumps, and rubella (2 x MMR) vaccine after your first birthday. A blood test (MMR titer) is also acceptable if it shows adequate immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. Official immunization records or MMR titer test must show name, date of birth, and date of immunizations, along with health care provider signature or stamp. Individuals with medical exemptions must have a letter from their health care provider of the reasons for a medical exemption. Religious exemptions must be addressed in a writing from a parent (if the student is a minor) or from the student if 18 and above.

Individuals traveling from tuberculosis endemic countries must show proof of a negative Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray. This is expected at the time of your arrival to GENIUS Olympiad. Thank you for complying with the New York State Department of Health requirements.

13- MEDIA PERMISSION and CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation into the GENIUS Olympiad implies that you accept the following rules and conditions.

I give permission for my child/myself be filmed/photographed/interviewed by the media and/or the organizer during GENIUS Olympiad and for them to use my (or my child's) photograph, work, voice for promotional and educational purposes, such as in publications, posters, brochures and newsletters; on the GENIUS web site, radio station or TV.

I have read and understood the official Code of Conduct of GENIUS Olympiad (available on the application site) and agree to abide by the rules contained therein. I understand that violation of any rule explained above will result in my project's immediate disqualification and removal of eligibility for all awards. I shall indemnify, defend and hold GENIUS Olympiad and organizers of GENIUS Olympiad harmless from and against any negligence in any case due to, illness or any form of harassment anywhere programs or events of GENIUS Olympiad takes place including but not limited to RIT Campus.

GENIUS Olympiad CODE of CONDUCT

1 PREAMBLE

Participation in the activities of GENIUS Olympiad offers many perks and privileges. At the same time participants, are expected to fulfill certain responsibilities and obligations, including complying with this Code of Conduct of GENIUS Olympiad. In this policy, “participant” will refer to any young person, adult supervisor, or related persons who has been registered to attend GENIUS Olympiad.

2 POLICY

3.1 GENIUS Olympiad will provide an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. GENIUS Olympiad does not discriminate based on gender, age, national origin, ethnicity, religion, economic status, disability, political belief, sexual orientation, academic, artistic, or athletic ability.

3.2 Participants in GENIUS Olympiad’s programs and activities will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with this Code of Conduct of GENIUS Olympiad. GENIUS Olympiad reserves the right to disqualify any participant of GENIUS Olympiad from any or all activities, who is deemed in violation of any conduct of this code of GENIUS Olympiad.

2.1 All Participants in GENIUS Olympiad will:

- a) maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of participants in GENIUS Olympiad events;
- b) demonstrate respect for individuals regardless of gender, ethnic or racial origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, political belief, disability or economic status;
- c) direct comments or criticism appropriately and avoid public criticism of, but not limited to, participants, judges, delegates, committee members, volunteers, guests, staff and members of GENIUS Olympiad;
- d) demonstrate ethical conduct and practices.
- e) abstain from tobacco, alcohol, and the non-medical use of drugs;
- f) refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment, where harassment is comment, conduct or unwanted touch directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading or malicious;
- g) refrain from any behavior that constitutes sexual harassment, defined as unwelcome sexual advances or unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature;
- h) comply at all times with the policies, rules and regulations of GENIUS Olympiad.
- i) make sure to maintain appropriate attire in all programs and events of GENIUS Olympiad.
- j) be courteous and cooperative when asked by GENIUS Olympiad organizing committee to share a room.

2.2 All adult participants at GENIUS OLYMPIAD events will:

- a) abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco on event premises, including accommodations;
- b) ensure the reasonable consumption of alcoholic beverages in social situations where minors are not present.
- c) ensure that expectations for participant behavior and conduct are made clear to the participants in their charge;
- d) provide supervision for the participants in their charge in a manner that fulfills what a judicious parent expects.
- e) help other participants when the need arises or if help is requested
- f) communicate and cooperate with the participants and ensure that participants are aware of the expectations for their children at the GENIUS OLYMPIAD event and the range of consequences for misbehavior.
- g) understand the consequences of serious misbehavior as described in this code of conduct of GENIUS OLYMPIAD.

2.3 Young Participants will:

- a) **be accompanied by a parent/guardian/chaperone or supervisor (adult participant) at ALL times**
- b) attend and participate in all activities, tours, and events that are part of GENIUS OLYMPIAD;
- c) be punctual at all GENIUS OLYMPIAD activities and events, especially be punctual for judging
- d) respect all curfews explained to them by GENIUS staff and notes;
- e) be in their room before 11.30 am every night to get sufficient sleep;
- f) **discharged from Campus and GENIUS Olympiad** when the code of conduct of GENIUS OLYMPIAD is not followed;
- g) not engage in any activity that will bring the moral tone of any GENIUS OLYMPIAD events into disrepute;