

## GENIUS OLYMPIAD APPLICATION RULES

### ELIGIBILITY

- The GENIUS Olympiad is open to all international and U.S. students studying in **grades nine through twelve** (or the equivalent).
- All students under 17 years old must attend the GENIUS Olympiad with an adult supervisor (a teacher, a parent, or a guardian). Students who are 17 years old and study in high school may participate without an adult supervisor.
- Our minimum age requirement for student participants is 13. Even if a project is accepted as a finalist, the student may be rejected to participate if s/he is younger than 13 years old.
- All projects from THE SAME SCHOOL must be submitted under the same account. GENIUS Olympiad may merge accounts under one account if there are multiple submission from the same school or may deny the projects.
- The same project can NOT be submitted in consecutive years without significant progress or changes.
- Projects, which are submitted to other organizations/fairs, can be submitted without changes.
- A valid application must be submitted (including affiliated fair Genius Certificate winners) using the GENIUS Olympiad application system by the deadline with application fee payment. Please see our schedule for deadlines under the program tab.
- All students and supervisors have to communicate in English well enough to present their projects. Translators for student presenters are NOT allowed.
- Presenter students must be seen as part of the presentation videos recorded for judging.
- Students/supervisors must present at the Olympiad to present their work in order to eligible for participation certificate or any awards.

### DEADLINES

- The Project Application will start on **February 15, 2021**. The link will be available on this website, all applications are made online.
- The Project Application Deadline is **April 15, 2021** for all applications.
- Project Finalists will be announced on our website on **May 5, 2021**.
- Participation and Presentation Registration Deadline is **May 15, 2021**.
- Award Ceremony will be streamed on GENIUS Youtube Chanel on **June 12 starting at 10.30 AM US EST**.

### FEES

- **The application fee is \$50 per project and is non-refundable.** The application fee must be paid before the application deadline in order to complete your application. All applicants, including GENIUS Certificate winners, must pay the application fee. Projects without an application fee will not be considered for evaluation.
- **The participation fee is \$20 per attendee** (for each student presenter) who will attend the GENIUS Olympiad, **and is non-refundable under any circumstances.** The participation fee covers mailing cost of individual certificates and medals.
- Fees will be paid online using a credit card during application and registration within the application site. We do accept PO/checks from US Public Schools if requested.

## GENERAL RULES

- GENIUS Judging Committee has the right to deny any project without any explanation.
- Supervisors are not allowed to serve as a judge.
- Finalists/Applicants who do not submit the required information on time and in the requested format shall be disqualified.
- In all aspects of the projects, participants must maintain integrity.
- Participants must avoid any misconduct or fraud, such as falsifying data or records, piracy or plagiarism (presenting another person's work as one's own).
- All students are required to adhere to the rules set by the GENIUS Olympiad. GENIUS Olympiad may disqualify and ask to leave without refund, if a student behaves inappropriately and against the rules.
- By attending in GENIUS Olympiad, you and/or your guardian agree to all statements and rules stated on this page, our website, and in the [media and consent form](#).

## LIMITATIONS ON STUDENTS, SUPERVISORS, & PROJECTS

- **Each student may present only one project.** In the case of being a finalist for multiple projects, the applicant must choose which project to present.
- Students may apply with multiple projects in any discipline to increase their chance of acceptance but will be selected as a finalist for only one project.
- A maximum of two students may present a science, business or short film project.
- Only one student may present creative writing, poster art, photography, satirical illustration, music singer or music solo performance projects.
- A maximum of three students may present a music group performance project.
- There is no limit to how many projects may be submitted from the same school/organization.
- There is no limit to the number of projects selected as finalists from any one school.
- All projects from the same school or organization **MUST** be submitted under one application login in order to control communication and projects more efficiently.
- GENIUS 2021 will not accept projects in robotics category.

## HOW TO APPLY and REGISTER?

- Applications and registrations will be made through our online application system, which will be available on the first date of application on our main page.
- Check the Schedule for the application start date, application deadline, and registration deadline.
- There are two steps: 1- Application to be evaluated and become a finalist, 2- Participant and presentation YouTube link registration for those who are announced as finalist. The second step starts after finalists are announced using the application platform.
- All applicants (including GENIUS Certificate holders from affiliated fairs) **MUST** submit an online application by the deadline.
- Multiple projects can be submitted using one login name. Each school/organization **MUST** create only one username to submit multiple projects.
- Once the Finalists are announced, you **MUST** confirm their participation before the registration deadline by completing the participant registration process for each participant who will attend the GENIUS Olympiad.
- Presentation videos must be uploaded into YouTube, and its link must be shared within application site. Every project may submit only one video, therefore students must prepare a single video with their presentation with themselves are seen on video at all times.

**CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES for application and project examples** are provided under each category page.