

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 in 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.
- Projects can **NOT** be presented via online.
- Students/supervisors must be present at the Olympiad to present their work in order to eligible for participation certificate or any awards.
- The supervisor refers to any adult (teacher, parent, adult sibling, relative) who has the right to accompany the minor student at the Olympiad.
- Guest refers to any additional participants on projects, such as additional supervisors (more than allowed), siblings, additional parents/relatives other than supervisor etc.) and are allowed only if space is available. There is a limit on the number of adult supervisors (teacher or parent). In order to maximize the number of projects and student participation, we allow only one adult supervisor (teacher/parent) for every 6 students from the same school/organization. If there are 7-12 finalist students from the same school/organization, then two supervisors are allowed. Additional supervisors/relatives other than allowed ones will be recognized as a guest and will be asked to pay the guest fee.

DEADLINES

- The Project Application will start on **December 15, 2019**. The link will be available on this website, all applications are made online.
- The Project Application Deadline is **March 1, 2020** for all individual/school applications and International Fairs.
- The Application deadline for Affiliated National (U.S. and Canadian Only) Fairs is **April 15, 2020**.
- Project Finalists will be announced on our website on **March 26, 2020**.
- Participation Registration Deadline is **May 1, 2020** to be eligible to participate in.
- Refunds (with deduction of \$60) deadline is June 1st, 2020.

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 \$230 per attendee** (including student and adult supervisors/chaperone) who will attend the GENIUS Olympiad, **and \$60 is non-refundable under any circumstances (\$170 is refundable until June 1st).** The full amount of participation fee must be paid before the registration deadline (May 1) in order to guarantee your place at the GENIUS Olympiad. All finalists and their supervisors and guests must pay the participation fee. **The participation fee covers** lodging on campus, meals, trip to Niagara Falls, Rochester airport pick-up and drop on certain days and times, and a Maid of the Mist boat tour during the events (see finalist guide for details of these).
- **The participation fee for Guests participation fee is \$750 per guest.** Guests fees must be paid during participant registration. The \$690 of the guest fee is refundable until **June 1st**. 50% of the fee is refundable after that date. The guest fee covers the same as regular participants as detailed above. The guest fee is **\$400** for those who will stay off-campus (they will pay the hotel fee and make the arrangements with RIT Hotel). If they cancel their registration before June 1st, \$340 portion is refundable. After June 1st, only 50% is refundable.
- **What is included with the registration?** All events will take place on the RIT university campus, except the Niagara Falls trip. The following services are included within your program as part of your registration fee: Registration package (including a T-shirt, bag, water bottle, and certificates), on campus stay in dorms, dining at select dining hall on campus, the Niagara Falls trip (1 hr away), Maid of the Mist Boat tour at Niagara Falls, and Greater Rochester Airport pick-up and drop-off at specific dates and times.
- **Optional trips ([for more information](#)):** GENIUS offer three trips starting after GENIUS Olympiad: **1- Six Flags/NY City (\$645 for 3 nights 2 days), 2- DC/NY City (\$595 for 3 nights 2 days), 3- Extended DC/NY City (\$745, 4 nights&3 days), 4-DC/NY/Boston City options (\$1050, 6 nights & 5 days).** Supervisors will receive a 10% discount for every student/guest attending the trips. Trip registration is made within the application site during participant registration. The payment will be made during participation registration. May 15 is the deadline for requesting a full refund for trips. After the deadline, no refunds will be issued. The DC/NY city trip participants will be dropped at JFK Airport ONLY. The DC/NYC/Boston trip participants will be dropped at Boston airport. For more information, please visit trips site under the program tab.
- **JFK Airport Pick up fee is \$75 (one-way) per attendee and is non-refundable.** The JFK airport pick-up service is only for those who will attend one of our optional trips. The fee is for a service bus to pick you at a specific JFK terminal on **Monday, June 15**, the arrival day of the Olympiad and bring you to our site.
- Fees will be paid online using a credit card during application and registration within the application site.

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, in the [finalist guide](#), 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 robotics or 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.
- Only one supervisor (teacher/parent) is allowed up to 6 student participants during registration (or 2 supervisors for up to 12 students etc). If more supervisors (teacher/parents/siblings) would like to attend with the group, they can attend only as guests make the guest fee payment.

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 registration for those who are announced as finalist to attend the event. 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.
- International applicants must complete the registration and the registration payment as soon as possible in order to receive their invitation letters for visa application.

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

FINALIST GUIDE provides information and rules for finalists who will attend the event regarding arrival, accommodations, dining, dressing, and other rules.