

2021 Weston Youth Innovation Award:

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All candidates for the 2021 Weston Youth Innovation Award (the "Award") will be contacted, provided with an internet link to an online application form and invited to submit supporting documentation, references and a completed consent form in order to qualify for selection for a prize under the Award. The completed application including supporting materials and completed consent form must be submitted online, using the link provided, to the Ontario Science Centre (the "OSC") no later than February 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm. All candidates, including all members of a group, must include a signed consent form with their application. All candidates under the age of 18, including all members of a group, must have a parent or guardian sign the consent form provided and include this with application. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered. In the absence of a group member's consent form, that individual group member will be ineligible for competition.
2. Applications can be submitted in either English or French.
3. The OSC will acknowledge receipt of each application received prior to the submission deadline via an email sent to the address indicated on the entry form. Only applicants receiving an acknowledgement from the OSC will be deemed to have successfully submitted an application.
4. Submission of the application to the OSC shall be deemed to be complete acceptance of these rules and regulations by the candidates.
5. Only Canadian residents are eligible for the Award. Candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 18 (having not yet reached their 19th birthday by December 31st, 2020). In the event of a group, all members must meet the age and residency requirements above and one individual must be identified as the group's primary contact. In the event that a group is chosen as a prize recipient under the Award, the group's primary contact will be the individual contacted by the OSC. A group may consist of no more than eight (8) members.
6. The final deadline for submitting a completed online application package and any supplementary materials is February 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm.
7. A winner of a prize under the Award will be notified by telephone by the OSC by June 1, 2021("Notification"). Only a recipient of a prize under the Award will be notified. The OSC assumes no responsibility for any inaccurate or incorrect information provided to it, or that result in any way from the mailing, transmission, receipt, or processing of entries. If a selected candidate does not respond to the OSC within five (5) days of first contact, the OSC shall have the right to disqualify that candidate and to select the next submission with the highest score as determined by the

JUDGING CRITERIA below. The winners of prizes under the Award will be made public on the Ontario Science Centre website. By applying, you agree that if you are a selected candidate that is disqualified and the prize is forfeited for any reason, the OSC shall be fully and completely released and discharged from any liability or responsibility in this regard. The OSC is not responsible for the failure for any reason whatsoever of the selected candidate to receive Notification.

JUDGING CRITERIA

8. All applications will be evaluated using the following evaluation criteria (weighting of criteria is subject to change):
 - a. Extent to which the individual or group has shown initiative and leadership to be agents of change in addressing a current issue they are passionate about.
25%
 - b. Innovative and creative use of science and/or technology as the basis for developing ideas aimed at solving real-world problems.
25%
 - c. Evidence of the successful implementation of the above-mentioned ideas, resulting in a positive impact either in the nominee's own community or on a broader scale.
25%
 - d. The degree to which the candidate and the work has demonstrated the following skills, attitudes and behaviours of innovation: inspiration, creativity, collaboration, risk-taking and problem solving.
25%
9. The first evaluation of the applications will be done by the OSC's internal Weston Youth Innovation Award selection committee. This committee will consist of OSC staff. The selection committee will use the above-mentioned JUDGING CRITERIA to create a short-list of submissions to be forwarded to an external jury ("final review panel"). References provided by the short-listed candidates will be contacted in March and April of 2021.
10. The final evaluation will be done by the judges of the final review panel. Judges are appointed annually. The final review panel will select and rank a maximum of five of the short-listed submissions to receive prizes under the Award. The judges will base their choice of the Award recipients on the above-mentioned JUDGING CRITERIA. For clarity, fewer than five (5) candidates may be selected for a prize under the Award if it is determined that fewer than five (5) candidates qualify for a prize.

PRIZES

11.
 - a. There will be five (5) cash prizes awarded under the Award. The candidate receiving the highest score ("First Place Candidate") under the Judging Criteria will receive a prize of \$15,000. The candidate receiving the second highest score ("Second Place Candidate") will receive a prize of \$8,500. Candidates receiving the third, fourth or fifth highest scores will each receive a prize of \$3,500. The prizes to be awarded are limited to the amounts specified above

and candidates will not be entitled to receive any additional prize money in the event that fewer than five (5) candidates are awarded prizes under the Award.

- b. In addition, the First Place Candidate (whether individual or group) will have the opportunity to work with an OSC multimedia development team to create a short animation production describing the winner's project and work. The animation will be displayed at the OSC for up to one year and be viewed by the OSC's over one-million annual visitors. This is a voluntary opportunity, which may be refused, and the winner will not be remunerated for his/her contributions, nor will any employer-employee or other contractual relationship be created. The winner has the choice of working with the project team on-site at the OSC, or virtually, via electronic communications. The OSC will not provide funding for travel or accommodation. Timing, duration and nature of the work to be determined by the OSC. The OSC shall remain the sole owner of all right, title, and interest in the completed animation, including, but not limited to, any and all rights in copyright, patent, trade secret, trade mark, industrial design and all other intellectual property rights. Before participating in the animation project, the First Place Candidate will be asked to sign a waiver irrevocably waiving any and all rights, including moral rights to the completed animation and any derivative works made therefrom.
- c. The First Place Candidate will receive a one-year student membership to the OSC, allowing them access to over 300 science museums world-wide. In the event of a group submission being chosen as the First Place Candidate, each group member will receive an individual one-year student membership to the OSC.
- d. The First Place Candidate (including all members of a group) will be recognized on the OSC's website and through a display in the Weston Family Innovation Centre at the OSC in Toronto, Canada. The OSC reserves the right to determine the form and nature of the display.
- e. In the event that a group is chosen for a prize under the Award, the cash prize will be distributed equally amongst the group members.
- f. All recipients of prizes under the Award (including each group member in the event of a group submission) agree to make themselves available for media interviews and by accepting a prize under the Award, consent to the use of their respective image and related visual/sound recordings, without the expectation of further remuneration. Prizes under the Award will be presented to the First Place Candidate and Second Place Candidate at an event hosted by the OSC. Where necessary and only if possible dependent on health and safety travel restrictions, transportation (in economy class) and overnight accommodations (1 night at a hotel arranged by the OSC) for each of the First Place Candidate and Second Place Candidate and a legal guardian for each, if required, will be provided by the OSC up to a maximum cost of \$3,000 per candidate. In the event of a group submission being chosen as the First Place Candidate or Second Place Candidate, all members of the group will be invited using the email address provided on their respective consent forms to attend the event. However, the OSC will only cover the travel and accommodation costs of the group's primary contact as identified on the entry form, and his or her legal guardian, if required. Prizes must be accepted as described in these rules and cannot be transferred to another person or substituted for another prize. Any substitution of a prize, in whole or in part, is at the sole discretion of the OSC.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

12. Employees and relatives of employees of the OSC and The W. Garfield Weston Foundation (and its affiliated or related entities) are not eligible for the Award. For this purpose, the term "relative" shall mean spouse, partner, parent, child or sibling.
13. Submitted application packages shall not be returned to candidates.
14. Multiple applications are not permitted. The First Place Candidate is ineligible for future Weston Youth Innovation Awards. Other candidates are free to re-apply for future Weston Youth Innovation Awards.
15. A candidate's submission must not include any content whatsoever which would reasonably be understood to be defamatory, threatening, distasteful, racist, unlawful or otherwise objectionable.
16. The OSC reserves the right to change these terms at any time at its sole discretion.
17. By submitting an application, each individual, or group member, consents to the collection, use, disclosure and retention of the candidate's personal information (name, image, photograph, likeness, voice, city of residence) in connection with the Award and for publicity purposes relating exclusively to this Award without compensation. Consents can be revoked at any time before the submission closing date by contacting the OSC in writing, in which case the candidate's submission will no longer be eligible for consideration.
18. Each candidate, including all members of a group submission, agrees to grant to the OSC all rights whatsoever in and to the content of the application form, (excluding any additional support materials included in the application package), including but not limited to the right throughout the universe, in perpetuity, and in all media, formats, now or hereafter devised:
 - a. to use, reproduce, translate, distribute, adapt, modify, publish or display (whether in whole or in part and whether sequentially or non-sequentially) all such content, including but not limited to the production of derivative works therefrom;
 - b. to edit, adapt, convert to digital-machine readable or any other accessible format for persons with disabilities, all such content; and
 - c. to publish and advertise the candidate's name, city of residence and content in any and all manner and medium for the purposes of the Award and for the advertising and promotional purposes set out above.
19. By submitting an application, each candidate irrevocably waives any and all rights, including moral rights to the material contained in the application, (excluding any additional support materials) and any derivative works made therefrom.
20. Each candidate agrees that the consents given and rights granted above are done so without further compensation in connection with the Award.
21. Each candidate acknowledges that the OSC has no control over and is not responsible for any use or misuse including, but not limited to, any alteration, modification, reuse or distortion of the photographs taken or content submitted (or the candidate's name and city of residence) that may

occur or be caused by third parties. The OSC will not be monitoring and has no control over third parties' use or misuse of the photographs or content of the candidate's entry form (or the candidate's name and city of residence) displayed on the OSC website or other websites or publications.

22. The OSC shall not be liable to candidates for any loss or damage or injury to candidates or their property caused by or suffered during or in connection with participation in the Award, including without limitation, as a result of personal injury, invasion of privacy, libel, defamation or infringement of copyright.
23. Each candidate, including all members of a group submission, agrees to indemnify the OSC from any third party claims arising from or related to that candidate's participation in the Award. By participating, candidates agree that the OSC and its directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and service providers and any other person or entity associated with such entities shall not be liable for any and all claims, damages, losses or injuries, including any third party bodily injury (including death), personal injury, property damage, libel, defamation, invasion of privacy, and infringement of copyright, arising from or relating to, in whole or in part, this Award, including entry and participation and acceptance, possession, use or misuse of the prizes. All candidates further agree that in the event of any third party claims, damages, losses or injuries, arising from or relating to this Award, they will indemnify the OSC from any and all such claims, including lawyers' fees related thereto.
24. The OSC shall not be responsible for any technical malfunctions that are human, mechanical or technical in nature, or any combination thereof, including any injury as well as lost, incomplete, destroyed, misdirected, illegible or late submissions which for any reason are not received.
25. The OSC reserves the right to modify or cancel this Award in the event of technical corruption, virus, bugs, non-authorized human intervention or any other technical problems, which may arise from time-to-time beyond the control of the OSC, destroying the integrity of this Award. No liability or responsibility is assumed by the OSC, resulting from attempts to participate in this Award or if required, accessing online information necessary to participate in this Award.
26. The OSC assumes no responsibility for lost or late submissions of applications.
27. The OSC reserves the right to disqualify candidates whom it finds to be in violation of these Rules and Regulations or tampering with the entry process. The OSC reserves the right to refuse an entry from a person whose eligibility is in question or who has been disqualified or is otherwise ineligible to enter.
28. All decisions regarding this competition and the selection of prize recipients under the Award remain with the OSC and are final.
29. The OSC, its agents and service providers are not responsible for printing, distribution or production errors.

30. No prize substitutions will be made, except for the right of the OSC to make a prize substitution of equivalent or greater value in the event the prizes, or any portion thereof, are unavailable for reasons beyond the OSC's control.
31. If for any reason the Award is not capable of being conducted as intended by the OSC, the OSC may, at its sole discretion, disqualify any candidate responsible for such misconduct and cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Award.
32. Privacy Statement: By being a candidate submitting an application for the Weston Youth Innovation Award, all candidates, including all members of a group submission, individually consent to the collection and use by the OSC of their personal information in order to process the application and administer the competition, including awarding prizes, which information is mandatory in order to participate in the Award, and which information is posted on the OSC's website. Personal information is collected under the authority of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990. c. F.31* and is used for the purpose of administering and promoting the Award and winners. All inquiries about the collection of this personal information should be directed to: Sabrina Greupner, Manager Weston Family Innovation Centre, Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Road, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1T3
33. The Award is void where prohibited by law and is subject to all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws and regulations. The Contest and these Contest Rules will be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ontario. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be governed by the laws of Ontario and shall be adjudicated in the applicable court in Toronto, Ontario.