



**Parental Release and Consent Agreement:  
Engage in Democracy 2012 Student Journalism Challenge**

By signing this parental consent and release agreement (the "Agreement"), you agree to the following Terms and Conditions:

- (1) I have read and understood the Rules and Eligibility requirements for the Engage in Democracy 2012 Student Journalism Challenge (the "Challenge") and I and my child agree to be bound by them.
- (2) I and my child hereby voluntarily elect for him or her to participate in the Challenge.
- (3) I certify that my child is, upon entering school in fall of 2012, a K-12 student living within the United States and its territories.
- (4) I certify that my child's Challenge entry is his or her own work or a collaborative effort with other students in their grade category as listed in the Rules and Eligibility requirements, and not the work of an adult who is no longer enrolled in a K-12 educational program. In the case of a collaborative effort, I certify that I have given notice to other collaborators of how the video is to be used and obtained their permission.
- (5) I certify that any music, photos, audio, video, software, or similar materials used in my child's Challenge entry were legally obtained.
- (6) I understand and agree that participation in the Challenge means that my child may use video recording, editing, and exporting software. To the extent that my child uses these products, I agree, on my child's behalf, to be bound by their terms of service.
- (7) I understand that participation in the Challenge involves certain risks that could result in injury or other unintended consequences. I am fully aware of and voluntarily accept and assume all the risks connected with my child's participation in the Challenge, whether or not foreseeable and whether or not caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of other. I agree to be solely responsible for my child's safety while he or she is working on his or her Challenge entry.
- (8) I understand that, although the Challenge has made every reasonable effort to assure my child's safety while participating in the Challenge, there are unavoidable risks, and I hereby release and promise not to sue the Challenge, and/or its respective agents, insurers, employees, volunteers, officials, sponsors, partners, local associations, and affiliates (collectively, the "Challenge Administrators") for any damages or injury (including death) caused by, deriving from, or associated with my child's participation in the Challenge or as authorized by this Agreement, except for such claims, damages or losses may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Challenge Administrators.

(9) I understand that throughout the Challenge, my child may be asked to participate in media or promotional events, including award ceremonies, media interviews, and publicity events related to the Challenge.

(10) If my child is selected as a winner during the final round of judging, I understand that he/she, accompanied by myself or another parent or legal guardian, may be asked to travel to a location yet to be decided on or about January 5, 2013 for an awards ceremony, and I shall make my best effort to comply. Standard travel expenses, including airfare, lodging, and ground transportation, may be covered by the Challenge.

(11) I also agree that if my child is selected to have his/her work displayed and/or as a winner or honorable mention, the Challenge has the right to use his or her name, likeness, and the content of his or her Challenge entry in any promotion or marketing related to the Challenge, without compensation to myself, my child, or anyone who contributed to the entry. I understand and agree that the Challenge Administrators may use my child's entry in a number of different ways that the Challenge may determine in its sole discretion, including but not limited to, publicly displaying it, reformatting it, incorporating it into marketing materials, advertisements and other works, creating derivative works from it, promoting it, distributing it, and allowing other users to do the same in connection with their own websites, media platforms, and applications. By signing this Agreement, I and my child hereby grant the Challenge Administrators a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid, sublicensable and transferable license to use, copy, edit, modify, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, display, perform, and otherwise fully exploit my child's Challenge entry in any media formats and through any media channels (including, without limitation, third party websites and feeds). I represent and warrant that I have all rights to grant such license to the Challenge Administrators without infringement or violation of any third party rights, including without limitation, any privacy rights, publicity rights, copyrights, contract rights, trademark rights, or any other intellectual property or proprietary rights.

(12) I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Challenge Administrators from liability for any claims by any third party in connection with my child's participation in the Challenge, including without limitation any claims relating to the violation of any third party rights or any applicable law.

(13) I agree that this Agreement will be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, that provision will be limited only to the minimum extent necessary to comply with applicable law, and the validity of the remaining provisions will not be in any way affected.

(14) It is my express intent that this Agreement bind my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives.

(15) In signing this Agreement, I acknowledge and represent that I have read it in its entirety, understand it and voluntarily sign it as my own free act and deed; that no oral representations, statements, or inducements not contained in this Agreement have been made to me by any of the Challenge Administrators; and that I execute this Agreement fully intending to be bound by same.

**Signature**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full name of parent

or legal guardian), understand the above terms and conditions and give my consent for

\_\_\_\_\_ (print child's full name) to

participate in the Engage in Democracy 2012 Student Journalism Challenge. In addition, I

certify that my child will be entering \_\_\_\_\_ (grade of child) upon entering school in

fall 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Any questions regarding this signed consent form can be directed to the undersigned at:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone