

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

PEYA Permission Slip

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Your child is applying to participate in the President's Environmental Education Youth Award (PEYA) program. Because this U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program includes features that require us to collect personal information from your child, we are contacting you to obtain your consent so that your child may participate in the program, as described below.

Please read EPA's privacy policy, which can be found at (<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2013-11/documents/2182g.pdf>) and attached to this form. If this privacy policy and the terms represented below are acceptable to you, please provide your consent by signing this form. Signed forms should be returned to the teacher or project sponsor / co-sponsor helping to complete your child's PEYA application.

The PEYA program requires parental/legal guardian consent from all minors under the age of 18 seeking to participate in the program. This form also satisfies requirements of the Children's Online Privacy Protect Act (COPPA), under which the owners of certain types of websites and online services must obtain "verifiable parental consent" before collecting, using or disclosing personal information from children under the age of 13.

With your signature below, you hereby attest to the following:

1. I am 18 years of age or older and the parent/legal guardian of _____ (my Child).
2. I have read the EPA privacy policy, linked above, and consent to my Child's participation in the PEYA program.
3. In connection with the PEYA program, I also consent to EPA's disclosure of my Child's first and last name, the name of their school (city and state), the name of their project and their grade level.
4. I further consent to the potential disclosure of this information on EPA's social media and/or webpages to promote my child's environmental project. I understand that EPA employees administrating the PEYA program will potentially use this information to promote participating students, such as my Child, and their environmental projects through national and regional press releases, EPA-produced videos, EPA's official website, printed PEYA program awards booklets, and EPA social media pages displayed on online platforms such as Facebook, Youtube, and Twitter.
5. I understand that EPA employees may also use my Child's personal information to connect my Child to other children participating in the program through an online community featuring past PEYA winners (e.g., via Facebook groups, LinkedIn).
6. I understand that EPA videotapes and photographs the PEYA ceremony. EPA intends the video and photographs to be used for informational, educational, and/or public relations purposes both within the EPA and by the general public. I understand the video and photographs from the ceremony may feature my Child's image and/or voice and may appear online as soon as 30 minutes after the taping. I understand the video and/or photographs will remain online indefinitely and may subsequently appear in EPA hard copy publications or other non-EPA publications that EPA deems appropriate to help promote or publicize the event or purpose for which the video, photo(s) and/or voice recording was prepared.
7. I authorize disclosure and release of the video, photo(s) and/or voice recording to EPA.
8. I have read and understand the foregoing and I consent to the use of my Child's video, photo(s) and/or voice recording as specified for the above-described purpose(s). I further understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation of any character shall become payable to me or my custodian by EPA for such use. I understand that consent to use my Child's video, photo(s) and/or voice recording is voluntary.
9. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein mine or that of my Child's video likeness appears.
10. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the United States and EPA from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I and/or my Child, heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate or that of my custodian have or may have by reason of this authorization.
11. As the legal guardian/custodian of my Child, I am competent to contract in my own name and/or in the name of my Child. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Parent / Guardian Printed Full Name

Date