

# THE NEXT GREAT AMERICAN INVENTOR

## Teacher Contest Guide

The **NEXT GREAT AMERICAN INVENTOR CONTEST** calls on teachers to encourage their students to sharpen their pencils and get to work on a pencil sketch or written description of an original invention idea.

### Lesson Idea: What makes a good invention?

Develop creative skills in problem-solving and communication with these cross-curricular discussion topics that inspire students to think about innovation and great inventions!

- ★ Discuss the concept of invention with your class. Beneficial inventions are not merely new devices or processes but offer solutions to common problems.
- ★ Discuss famous American inventors (e.g., Thomas Edison and George Washington Carver) with your class. What did they invent and why was it important?
- ★ Ask your students: What in your daily life could be improved by a new piece of technology or a more efficient process? What would this invention look like?

### How to Enter the Contest

- ★ Students must fill out the Next Great American Inventor Student Worksheet completely, including a sketch and/or a written description of their original invention up to 100 words. No sketch necessary: Though we encourage students to be creative, they will not be judged on their artistic ability.
- ★ Each submission must include a completed Entry Form and all of the students' individual Next Great American Inventor worksheets.

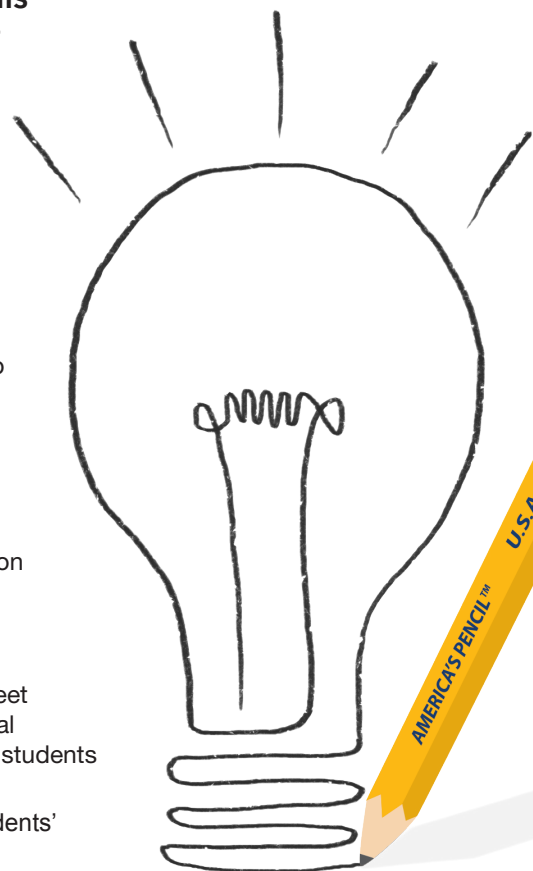
### Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- ★ Originality and creativity (50 points)
- ★ Quality of entry (35 points)
- ★ Grammar and spelling (15 points)

### Contest Deadline

All entries must be postmarked by **May 12, 2017**, and received by **May 26, 2017**.



## 6 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

(2 per grade band 1-2, 3-4, 5-6)

### STUDENT PRIZE:

**\$500**  
in cash

### TEACHER PRIZE:

- A year's worth of U.S.A. Gold pencils for the classroom
- \$100 American Express® gift card

**Grades  
t1-6**

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## STUDENT WORKSHEET

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of my invention: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the problem my invention solves/addresses? \_\_\_\_\_

How does my invention solve the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

## INVENTION IDEA

Illustrate and/or describe your invention.

THE NEXT GREAT AMERICAN INVENTOR CONTEST  
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**WE WANT YOUR STUDENTS'  
ORIGINAL INVENTION IDEAS!**  
**ENTER BY MAY 12, 2017**

Encourage your students to sharpen their pencils and get to work on a pencil sketch or a written description of an original invention idea. Then complete the entry form below and mail in your entries by May 12, 2017. Students have a chance to win \$500, while teachers can win a year's worth of U.S.A. Gold® pencils for their classroom, other U.S.A. Gold® classroom supplies, and a \$100 American Express® gift card.

MAIL ENTRY (WITH COMPLETED FORM STAPLED TO IT) TO:  
Next Great American Inventor Contest  
Scholastic Inc.  
Attention: T. Lattis  
557 Broadway  
New York, NY 10012

**Complete the Entry Form**

Please fill out the form below and make sure each participating student includes his or her name, teacher, school, and grade on the Next Great American Inventor worksheet. If you are submitting entries on behalf of multiple students, you may use a single entry form.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_ School State: \_\_\_\_\_ School Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Next Great American Inventor Contest

## Official Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void where prohibited.

**1. ELIGIBILITY:** The Next Great American Inventor Contest (the “Contest”) is open to students in grades 1–6 who are enrolled in public schools, accredited private schools, or home schools in compliance with the laws of the students’ primary state of residence (“Schools”) and who are residents of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as “Student” or “Students”). Students cannot submit their entries directly in the Contest. Rather, submissions in the Contest must be made by the teachers of eligible students (“Submitting Teachers”). Each Submitting Teacher must be a legal resident of one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia and must have reached the age of majority in the state in which he/she resides at the time of entry.

The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The Contest is void where prohibited by law. Employees of Scholastic Inc. (the “Sponsor”), MEGA Brands America, Inc. (the “Prize Provider”), and their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, dealers, and dealer personnel, advertising and promotion agencies (collectively referred to as “Sponsor’s Related Entities”), and their immediate families (spouse, parent, child, sibling, and their respective spouses and those living in the same household of each employee, whether or not related), and all others associated with the development and execution of this Contest and their immediate families (spouse, parent, child, sibling, and their respective spouses and those living in the same household of each employee, whether or not related) are not eligible to participate in the Contest.

**2. TO ENTER:** To enter the Contest, each entrant must fill out the Next Great American Inventor Student Worksheet completely, including a sketch and/or a written description of their original invention up to 100 words. A sketch is not required for eligibility and will not affect judging.

All entries must include a completed Official Entry Form stapled to them that includes the contact info of the Student’s school and teacher. Contest form templates and entry forms can be found online at [scholastic.com/usagold/contest.pdf](http://scholastic.com/usagold/contest.pdf).

Mail completed entries to: Next Great American Inventor Contest, Scholastic Inc., 557 Broadway, Attn.: T. Lattis, New York, NY 10012. Entries will only be accepted via mail and must be postmarked by May 12, 2017, and received by May 26, 2017. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, misdirected, or postage-due entries or mail, or typographical or other errors in the printing of this offer. Only individual entries will be accepted. No digital submissions will be accepted.

It is essential for the proper and legitimate operation of this Contest that each entry must be the Student’s own original work and cannot contain previously published and/or copyrighted material. If Sponsor discovers at any time, during or after the Contest, that an entry contained previously published and/or copyrighted material, the Student and Submitting Teacher may be immediately disqualified and may be obligated to immediately return any and all prizes which may have been awarded to them in connection with their entry.

**3. ENTRY:** By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees that Sponsor shall own the entry submitted (including all rights embodied therein in winning entries) and any derivative works made therefrom and that it and its designees may exploit, edit, publish, use, adapt, modify, or dispose of any entry and elements embodied therein online, in print, film, television, or in any other media now or hereafter known for advertising, promotional, or other purposes throughout the world, in perpetuity, without additional compensation or notification to, or permission of, the entrant, except as prohibited by law. Entries and entrant’s personally identifiable information submitted in connection with his or her entry shall be subject to Sponsor’s privacy policy found at [scholastic.com/privacy.htm](http://scholastic.com/privacy.htm).

**4. SELECTION OF WINNERS:** Entries will be sorted into three grade groups for judging and the selection of winners: grades 1–2, 3–4, and 5–6.

Judging Criteria: Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality and creativity (How well does the entry demonstrate creativity and originality? How well does the entry address the Contest’s theme? Is the invention unique and creative?) (50 points)
- Quality of entry (Is the idea communicated clearly? Is the entry well organized?) (35 points)
- Grammar and spelling (Does the entry reflect proper grammar and spelling?) (15 points)

Entries submitted will be judged by Sponsor. Winners will be notified on or about June 1, 2017. The entries, including, but not limited to, all rights in winning entries, will become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned. Each Winner agrees to be bound by the Official Rules, and acknowledges that the decisions of the judges are final in all matters relating to the Contest. Each Winner and his or her parent or legal guardian and the Submitting Teacher may be required to sign, notarize, and return within seven (7) days of notification: (1) an affidavit of eligibility or compliance with the rules and a statement of originality and verification of address; (2) a publicity release permitting Sponsor and Prize Provider and each of their respective designees to (i) use each Winner’s and Submitting Teacher’s names, addresses, likenesses, and biographical information and/or Winner’s entry; (ii) reprint each Winner’s submission, in whole or in part, in any and all media in the future; and (3) a release of liability. If the above are not executed and received by Sponsor within seven (7) days of the date of receipt, the prize may be awarded to an alternate winner from among all remaining eligible entries. Each entrant and Submitting Teacher acknowledges and agrees that Sponsor shall have the right (subject to applicable law) to analyze and use his or her name, address,

entry, and biographical information (the “Information”) for any and all purposes, including, without limitation, sending advertising and promotional materials to each entrant, and for any other advertising, marketing, and promotional purposes except where prohibited by law.

The Submitting Teacher represents and warrants that he or she can grant the rights and agrees to the restrictions set forth herein, including, but not limited to, the Student’s entry.

## **5. PRIZES:**

**GRAND PRIZE STUDENT WINNERS:** Two (2) Grand Prizes will be awarded for each of the following three grade groups (grades 1–2, grades 3–4, and grades 5–6) for a total of six (6) Grand Prize Student Winners. Each Grand Prize Student Winner (the “Grand Prize Student Winner,” collectively “Grand Prize Student Winners”) will each receive a \$500 cash prize.

**TEACHER WINNERS:** The teacher of each Grand Prize Student Winner (the “Teacher Winner”) will receive a year’s worth supply of U.S.A. Gold® Pencils for his/her classroom and a one hundred dollar (\$100) American Express® gift card. The Approximate Retail Value (“ARV”) of each Teacher Winner Grand Prize is five hundred dollars (\$500). For the purposes of the Contest, the Teacher Winner is defined as the teacher listed on the Student Entry Form of each Grand Prize Student Winner.

The Grand Prize Student Winners, and the Teacher Winners are collectively defined as the “Winners.” Prizes are nontransferable and non-assignable, and no cash alternative will be offered, except by Sponsor in its discretion. In the event of unavailability of any prize element, Sponsor reserves the right to award an alternate prize of equivalent or greater value, in its discretion. If any prize or prize notification is returned as undeliverable, the potential winner chooses to decline a prize for any reason, or the potential winner fails to comply with these Official Rules and all the requirements set forth herein, the prize may be forfeited. Taxes on prizes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the Winners, respectively. If a Grand Prize Student Winner declines or otherwise forfeits his or her prize, the respective Teacher Winner agrees to forfeit his or her prize.

Total combined ARV of all prizes and awards in the Contest: \$6,000.

**6. GENERAL:** By entering and/or accepting a prize, an entrant and/or Winner and Submitting Teacher agrees to release and hold harmless Sponsor and Prize Provider, their respective parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, prize suppliers, and all others associated with the development and execution of this Contest, and the respective officers, directors, shareholders, agents, and employees of the foregoing (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from any and all claims, demands, injuries, damages, or losses to the person or property and/or liabilities of any nature that in any way arise from participation in this Contest or acceptance or use of the prize.

The Released Parties are not responsible for interrupted or unavailable network, server, Internet Service Provider (ISP), website, or other connections; for lack of availability or accessibility, or miscommunications due to failed computer, satellite, telephone, or cable transmissions or lines; for technical failure or jumbled, scrambled, delayed, or misdirected transmissions; for computer hardware or software malfunctions, failures, or difficulties; or for any other computer, network, technical, typographical, human, or other error, problem, or malfunction related to or in connection with the Contest, including, without limitation, errors, problems, or malfunctions that may occur in connection with the administration of the Contest, the announcement of the prizes, the processing or judging of entries, or any Contest-related materials. The Released Parties are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by site users, tampering, hacking, or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest and assume no responsibility for any injury or damage to participants’ or to any other persons’ computers (whether hardware or software) relating to or resulting from downloading materials or software in connection with this Contest.

If for any reason (including, but not limited to, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other cause beyond the control of Scholastic, which corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest) the Contest is not capable of being conducted as described in these rules, Scholastic shall have the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest.

**7. WINNERS’ LIST:** For the names of the Winners, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope after June 15, 2017, and before October 30, 2017, to ‘Next Great American Inventor Contest Winners’ List, Scholastic Inc., Attn: T. Lattis, 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

**8. CONTEST SPONSOR:** Scholastic Inc., 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

MEGA Brands America, Inc. is not a sponsor or administrator of this Contest. For greater certainty, any entries submitted in this Contest are being submitted directly to Contest Sponsor and not to MEGA Brands America, Inc. and MEGA Brands America, Inc., shall in no way be involved in the selection of the winners or in any other aspect of the Contest administration. Any issues or inquiries relating to the Contest must be addressed to Contest Sponsor at the address indicated above.

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