



Parent or Guardian Consent Form

Character of Our Community: The SSU Regional Identity Contest

Complete one form for each participant under age 18 for each entry. Keep both pages together and submit with the entry packet. A teacher or group leader cannot give guardian consent solely in that role.

Participant and guardian information

Child's full name: _____

Character or symbol name: _____

Entry type: ☐ Individual ☐ Group Child is under age 18: ☐ Yes

Group or class name if applicable: _____

Parent or legal guardian full name: _____

Relationship to child: ☐ Parent ☐ Legal guardian

Guardian email: _____

Guardian phone: _____ Municipality and state: _____

Consent to participate and originality confirmation

I am the child's parent or legal guardian and have authority to give this consent. I have obtained any additional consent required by an applicable custody or guardianship order. I authorize the child to participate and SSU to contact me about the entry.

I have read the Official Contest Rules and FAQ and the entry certification and permissions. I have reviewed them with the child as appropriate. Each person may submit one individual entry, and each group may submit one group entry. A group member may also submit one separate individual entry.

After reviewing the entry with the child, to the best of my knowledge the contribution is original and complies with the rules. Generative AI was not used for the concept, name, artwork, or text, including traced or modified AI material. All creators and any assistance must be identified in the entry packet. The required originality certification must also be submitted.

Limited permission to use the entry

To the extent of my lawful authority, I consent to SSU's nonexclusive use of the child's contribution, including artwork, character name, and statement, for contest administration, judging, promotion, and reporting. SSU may copy, display, and share it on its website, social media, newsletter, press materials, and contest or award displays. Service providers and media partners may use it only for these contest purposes.

SSU may resize or format the work without materially changing the concept. No payment is due for these contest uses, and published contest reports may remain as historical records. Copyright stays with its owner. This form does not transfer copyright or authorize ongoing branding, merchandise, or fundraising uses.

Publicity choices and guardian signature

Child's full name: _____

Character or symbol name: _____

Optional publicity permissions

Choose Yes or No for each item. Blank or conflicting choices on submitted forms mean no permission until SSU confirms them with me. These optional choices do not affect eligibility or judging.

I authorize these uses for SSU contest publicity and award recognition on its website, social media, newsletter, press materials, and event displays, without additional payment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Publish the child's first name and last initial with the entry or award.

Name to display if Yes: _____

☐ Yes ☐ No Take and publish photographs or silent video of the child at contest activities.

☐ Yes ☐ No Record and publish the child's voice, including video with sound, at contest activities. SSU must obtain any other consent required for a recording.

SSU will respect the child's refusal to be photographed or recorded. I may withdraw optional consent for future use by emailing SSU below. Previously distributed materials or independently shared copies may not be retrievable. SSU will not publish private contact information or include this form in blind judging materials.

Finalists and the winning entry

Three finalists will present at the November 19, 2026, SSU Board meeting at Penn State Schuylkill. I will coordinate participation if selected. SSU may select no winner. The prize is \$500 total per winning entry, including a group. Before payment, the necessary contributors, guardians, and rights owners must sign a separate agreement for ongoing use and refinement of the design if needed.

Parent or legal guardian signature

My signature confirms the statements and limited contest permission on both pages and my optional publicity choices above. This form is not a liability release or a waiver of the child's legal claims.

Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Electronic signature consent: I agree to electronic records and intend the typed name I personally enter or adopt on the signature line to be my signature.

Child acknowledgment if able

I want to participate. My parent or guardian has explained the contest rules and publicity choices to me. I understand I may decline to be photographed or recorded.

Child signature if able: _____ Date: _____

How to submit

Sign in ink and send a readable scan or photograph, or sign electronically and check the consent box. SSU accepts either method and may confirm authority or signature. Keep a copy of this form and the rules.

Email with the entry packet to deberhart@southschuylkillunified.com by November 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Subject: "SSU Character Contest Entry." Contact Donna Eberhart at this address with questions.