



Character of Our Community

The SSU Regional Identity Contest

Contest Entry Form with Originality Certification and Contest Permissions

Due Monday, November 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Email the completed packet to deberhart@southschuylkillunified.com with the subject "SSU Character Contest Entry." Artwork must be a clear JPG, PNG, or PDF. There is no entry fee.

SSU use only Entry number: _____ Date received: _____

Entry and contact information

Character or symbol name: _____

Entry type: ☐ Individual ☐ Family, class, team, business, or other group

Individual entrant or group name: _____

Primary contact name: _____

Contact role: ☐ Entrant ☐ Parent or guardian ☐ Group coordinator

Use an adult contact for a minor. A coordinator does not sign for other creators or replace a minor's guardian.

Contact email: _____

Contact phone: _____ Municipality and state: _____

Contributors

List the individual entrant or every group contributor. Attach another roster if needed.

Contributor name	Under 18	Role or contribution
	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	

One entry per person or group is allowed. A group member may also submit one separate individual entry.

Submit page 1, the anonymous concept sheet on page 2, the artwork, and a completed set of pages 3 and 4 for each contributor. Every minor needs a guardian signature. Obtain any additional rights-owner authorization identified on page 3.

Anonymous concept sheet

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SSU will provide this page and the artwork to reviewers. Do not include participant names, signatures, school or group names, or identifying details in these materials or their filenames. Additional anonymous response pages may be attached.

Proposed character or symbol name: _____

What is your character or symbol? Describe its appearance and personality.

Tell its story and explain why you chose its name.

How does it represent the South Schuylkill region and its communities?

How could SSU use this character over time, such as on signs, stickers, or coloring pages?

Artwork attached: ☐ Hand-drawn ☐ Original digital art ☐ Other: _____

Include a drawing, even if it is a simple sketch. All artistic skill levels are welcome. The concept, character name, artwork, and written statement must be original and must comply with the contest's prohibition on generative AI.

Originality certification and contest permissions

Complete pages 3 and 4 for each contributor. Keep the two pages together. A parent or legal guardian must also complete page 4 for a contributor under 18.

Contributor name: _____

Character or symbol name: _____

Originality certification

Check each statement. A guardian reviews these statements with a minor as appropriate.

- ☐ My contribution is my own original work. All people who created the submitted concept, name, artwork, or text are identified on the contributor roster.
- ☐ Generative AI was not used to produce the submitted concept, character name, artwork, or text. The entry does not trace, redraw, or modify AI-generated material.
- ☐ I have not copied or included another person's protected characters, mascots, artwork, photographs, or logos. I have identified any other owner of rights in my contribution below.
- ☐ I have read and agree to the Official Contest Rules and FAQ accompanying this form, including the entry limit and exception for a group member's separate individual entry.

My contribution and tools or assistance used: _____

Other rights owner, if any, or write None: _____

If an employer, school, business, or another person owns rights needed for this entry, identify that owner and attach signed authorization for the permissions below. A group leader's signature alone does not grant every contributor's rights.

Required permission for contest use

For consideration of this entry, I give South Schuylkill Unified (SSU) nonexclusive permission, to the extent of rights I own or am authorized to grant, to copy, reproduce, display, and share my submitted contribution as part of the entry for contest administration, judging, promotion, and reporting. This includes SSU's website, social media, newsletter, press materials, and contest or award displays. SSU may allow its service providers and media partners to reproduce the entry only for these contest purposes.

SSU may resize or format the work for display without materially changing the concept. No payment is due for these contest uses. Published contest reports may remain available as historical records. I retain my copyright. This form does not transfer ownership or authorize use of the entry for unrelated branding, merchandise, or fundraising. Permission to publish my name, photograph, or likeness is separate and optional on page 4.

If the entry is selected

I understand that SSU will select three finalists for presentations to the Board on November 19, 2026, and may select no winner. The \$500 prize is for one winning entry, including a group entry. Before the prize is awarded, the winner and any necessary contributors or rights owners must sign a separate agreement for SSU's ongoing use and refinement of the winning design, as described in the rules. This entry form does not itself grant those long-term rights.

SSU may seek information about how the work was created and may reject an entry that violates the rules. Sign page 4 after reviewing these terms.

Publicity choices and signatures

Contributor name: _____

Character or symbol name: _____

Contributor age category: ☐ Under 18 ☐ Age 18 or older

Optional publicity permission

These choices concern only the person named above. They do not affect eligibility or judging. A blank choice means no permission. The artwork may still be displayed under page 3. For a minor, the guardian approves the choices below.

For SSU contest publicity and award recognition on its website, social media, newsletter, press materials, and event displays, without additional payment:

☐ Yes ☐ No SSU may publish my name with the entry or award.

Name to display if Yes: _____

For a minor, use first name and last initial only.

☐ Yes ☐ No SSU may photograph or record me at contest activities and use my photograph, video, or voice for the contest publicity described above.

Optional consent may be withdrawn for future use by emailing deberhart@southschuykillunified.com. Previously distributed materials or copies shared independently by others may not be retrievable. SSU will not publish private contact information.

Participant signature

By signing, I confirm the page 3 certifications and contest permission, and my choices above. Adult contributors must sign. A minor may sign if able, and a guardian must sign below.

Participant signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Electronic signature choice: I consent to electronic records for this entry and intend my typed name on the signature line to be my signature.

Parent or legal guardian consent for a minor

I am the named minor's parent or legal guardian and have authority to consent to participation. I have reviewed the rules and pages 3 and 4, and to the best of my knowledge the originality statements are accurate. I consent to the minor's participation and the limited contest uses on page 3 to the extent of my lawful authority, and approve the publicity choices above. This consent does not transfer the minor's copyright.

Guardian printed name: _____

Relationship to minor: _____

Guardian email or phone: _____

Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Electronic signature choice: I consent to electronic records for this entry and intend my typed name on the guardian signature line to be my signature.

Signing instructions: Sign in ink and email a clear scan or photograph, or use an electronic signature and check the applicable consent box. Each signer must personally sign or adopt the electronic

signature. SSU accepts these methods and may request confirmation. Keep a copy of the completed packet and rules.