



## 2018 “SCIENCE & SUPERHEROES” CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

### INSTRUCTIONS

Invent a new superhero character who uses superpowers with some origin or characteristic based on science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) to deal with a real-world problem.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Only one entry per child is allowed, and submissions must not contain any trademarked or copyrighted material. Submissions must have **two** components and adhere to the following specifications:

#### **1) An original drawing**

- Drawing must fit on one standard sheet of *white un-lined 8½” x 11”* paper; any media is allowed; vertical or horizontal orientation. Printouts of digitally-created drawings are not permitted.
- Provide the superhero’s name and any appropriate labels for the costume, gadgets, etc.
- On the back, in the lower right corner, print the contestant’s grade only. (**IMPORTANT:** Do not include any other identifying information on the front or back of the drawing.)

#### **2) A written description**

- Description must fit on one side of a standard sheet of 8 ½” x 11” paper.
- Provide the superhero’s name and a detailed explanation of the STEM principles utilized for his/her superpowers and/or origin.
- Explain how the superhero will utilize his/her superpowers to address a real-world problem.
- On the back, in the lower right corner, print the contestant’s grade only. (**IMPORTANT:** Do not include any other identifying information on the front or back of the description.)

### ENTRY FORM

Each submission must include a completed Entry Form in order to qualify. An official Entry Form can be downloaded at <http://spandexcity.com/ScienceSuperheroes>

Securely *clip* the Entry Form to the two drawing and description pages upon submission. Do not staple the pages together.

### AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12

## JUDGING

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Artistic quality (20 points)
- Neatness, spelling, and grammar (5 points)
- Description of superhero origin (10 points)
- Description of superpowers (10 points)
- Application to a real-world problem (10 points)
- Originality of problem (5 points)
- Originality of character (10 points)
- Relevance of STEM to character's description (15 points)
- Quality of STEM research (15 points)

## AWARDS CEREMONY

All contestants are invited to join us for the Science & Superheroes Contest Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Discovery Place. Winners' entries will be presented. Stay tuned for more details.

## CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12 residing in Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, York and Union counties. Children of employees of Spandex City Comics, Discovery Place, and any other entities identified as partners or sponsors during the contest are not eligible to win, but may submit an entry for display.

## CONTEST DEADLINE

All entries must be received or postmarked by **April 10, 2018**. Please submit them to:

Spandex City  
2914-A Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28214

## RETURN POLICY

Submissions may be picked up at Spandex City after April 29, 2018. All submissions not picked up on or before May 6, 2018 become the property of Spandex City. A teacher picking up a student's submission must be authorized by the student's parent or guardian on the Entry Form.

## USE OF CONTEST ENTRIES

Originals or copies of contest submissions may be used with attribution for present or future promotional purposes by Spandex City and Discovery Place.

Please direct any questions to Spandex City by emailing [service@spandexcity.com](mailto:service@spandexcity.com), with "S&S Contest" in the subject line.