

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL & ReMA YOUTH RECYCLING CHALLENGE

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, SUBMISSION LICENSE, RELEASE & WAIVER

This Agreement applies to the Youth Recycling Challenge: Innovation in the Industry (the “Challenge”) presented by Keep America Beautiful (“KAB”) together with the Recycled Materials Association (“ReMA”), together as the “Challenge Sponsors.” Submissions are accepted October 15th, 2026 through November 15th, 2026. **A signed copy of this Agreement must accompany every submission.** If a group is submitting, each group member must sign and return their own copy. Participants under 18 years of age must also have a parent or legal guardian sign. Participants must be 13 years or older.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant (first name, last initial) _____

Grade and Age _____ City/State _____

Participant email _____

Group members (if applicable) _____

1. ELIGIBILITY

I can confirm that I am a U.S. resident, currently a student in grades 9 through 12, 13 years or older, and that I am submitting an entry to the Challenge, individually or as part of a group of high school students. I understand my entry must include a tie-in to my local community, a short written summary (max 1,000 words), and this signed Agreement, and that incomplete entries may be disqualified.

2. ORIGINAL WORK

- a. I represent and warrant that my submission, including any video, PSA, written summary, images, music, graphics, and other creative materials (the “Submission”), is my own original work (or the original work of my group), created for this Challenge.
- b. My Submission does not copy or infringe the work of anyone else. If I include any third party material (such as music, photos, artwork, logos, or quotations), I have permissions to use it or it is clearly credited and properly licensed for this use.
- c. I understand the Challenge Sponsors encourage original thinking and that Submissions that are not substantially the participant’s own work may be disqualified.
- d. If anyone other than me appears in my Submission, I have obtained their permission (and the permission of their parent or guardian if under 18) to be included and to have the Submission shared as described below.
- e. I will not include in my Submission any private personal information (such as home addresses, phone numbers, or government ID numbers) or any content that is unlawful, defamatory, hateful, or inappropriate for a youth audience.

3. LICENSE TO USE MY SUBMISSION

I keep ownership of my Submission. By submitting it, I grant KAB, ReMA, and anyone they authorize a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, display, distribute, publish, edit, excerpt, and create derivative works from my Submission (including its written, audio, and visual content), in whole or in part, in any medium now known or later developed, for educational, promotional, advertising, fundraising, and other lawful purposes of the Challenge Sponsors. This includes, without limitation, KAB and ReMA

websites, social media channels, newsletters, presentations, reports, and promotional materials. I will not be paid or otherwise compensated for this use except for any Prize described in Section 5.

4. PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, & SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE

- a. For myself, or as parent or guardian if the participant is under 18, I give the Challenge Sponsors full right and permission to use and publish photograph(s), video(s), and audio of or including me and my participation in the Challenge, in any manner and medium.
- b. This permission includes the right to alter, edit, or manipulate those photographs, videos, and audio without restriction, and to use my name, likeness, voice, grade level, and state in connection with them.

5. PRIZE AND JUDGING

- a. The Challenge Sponsors will select one Grand Winner based on a predetermined rubric that evaluates research, effort to connect with a local recycler, and originality/innovation. The Grand Winner will receive a prize of \$500 (the "Prize"). Decisions of the Challenge Sponsors are final.
- b. The Prize is awarded to one entry only. If the winning entry is from a group, the Prize will be awarded as a single payment, and the group is responsible for dividing it among its members. If the winner is under 18, the Prize will be issued to the winner's parent or guardian on the winner's behalf. Recipient is responsible for applicable taxes.
- c. The Challenge Sponsors may disqualify any entry that does not meet the requirements of this Agreement, may withhold or reassign the Prize if the winner cannot be reached within a reasonable time or is found ineligible, and may cancel or modify the Challenge if circumstances require.
- d. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Other incentives (such as swag or social media features) are offered at the sole discretion of the Challenge Sponsors and are not guaranteed.
- e. Winner will be notified via email by 5pm ET on December 15, 2026.

6. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Participating in the Challenge may involve researching online and reaching out to local recycling companies. I understand the Challenge Sponsors do not supervise or control any visits, interviews, or communications between participants and third parties. I will use good judgement and safe practices when contacting other online or in person. I knowingly accept all risks of personal injury and property damage related to my participation in Challenge activities.

7. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I and my guardians agree not to make a claim against or sue Keep America Beautiful, the Recycled Materials Association, their Affiliates, or any of their officers, board members, employees, agents, or contractors for any injury, loss, or damage (including property damage, bodily injury, or death) arising from or connected with my participation in the Challenge, including claims based on negligence, whether active or passive. I HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL, REMA, THEIR AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND CONTRACTORS FROM ALL ACTIONS, CLAIMS, OR DEMANDS THAT I AND MY GUARDIANS NOW HAVE, OR MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE, ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE CHALLENGE, INCLUDING THE SUBMISSION, JUDGING, PRIZE, OR USE OF MY SUBMISSION OR LIKENESS.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

PARTICIPANT (MUST BE 13 YEARS OR OLDER)

Date

Participant Signature

Printed Name (First Name, Last Initial)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (REQUIRED IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18)

I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant named above. I have read this Agreement, consent to the participant's participation in the Challenge, and agree to be bound by it on my own behalf and on behalf of the participant.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Relationship to Participant