

# 2024 WGRSEF Participation Agreement



## REQUIRED FOR EVERY STUDENT ATTENDING WGRSEF

Failure to submit signed agreements will result in delayed registration or disqualification.

The student, and the parent/guardian of the student if student is under 18, for the sole consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, of the right to participate in the event or program described as the West Georgia Regional Science & Engineering Fair, (the Program), do hereby agree to the following relating to the Program.

### Participant Release and Agreement

I fully and voluntarily consent to the student's participation in the Program. I hereby acknowledge my awareness that participation in the Program may expose the student to risk of property damage, bodily or personal injury. I understand that the risks that the student may encounter include, but are not limited to accidents, bumps, bruises, cuts and abrasions, muscle strains and sprains, and exposure to contagious diseases which may cause death, as well as other risks that may not be foreseeable. I knowingly and freely assume any and all such risks.

In exchange for being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify the University of West Georgia the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights, expenses, actions, and causes of action, of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether foreseeable or not, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in the Program. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above, I will hold forever harmless and will not take legal action against the University of West Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, and their officers, agents, and employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my participation in this activity whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant not to sue shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

### Photo and Media Release

The student, and the parent/guardian of the student if student is under 18, hereby give the University of West Georgia, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the right and permission to use, reproduce, edit, exhibit, project, display, copyright and/or publish the student's images, likeness, and voice in which the student may be included in the whole or in part, developed during participation in the Program and thereafter, and to circulate the same in all forms and media for any lawful purpose whatsoever. My consent includes, but is not limited to, images, likenesses and recordings that may be deemed to be educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA").

I understand and agree that the student's image will become part of the University of West Georgia's photograph file and that it may be distributed to other organizations or individuals for use in any publications, media, or technology now known of or hereafter developed in the future for any lawful purpose whatsoever without further permission from me. I also understand that I will receive no compensation in connection with the use of the student's image.

I hereby waive the right to inspect or approve the student's image or any finished materials that incorporates the image. I further release, discharge, and agree to waive the University of West Georgia, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their licensees, successors, legal representatives and assignees from any liability for violation of any personal or proprietary right that I may have in conjunction with said pictures or images and with the use thereof. I further acknowledge and agree that the University of West Georgia and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and its members, their officers, agents, and employees shall not be responsible for any of such image, likeness or recording by any third party accessing it through the internet or any other means.

### Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants in a Program/Activity hosted at or by the University of West Georgia. It applies to all participants including minors and their parents/guardians.

#### Requirements:

- Respect and adhere to Program/Activity rules and guidelines including all those specific to this event or activity: The WGRSEF Display & Safety Regulations, WGRSEF Attendance Policy, GSEF and the ISEF Rules & Guidelines (posted at <https://www.westga.edu/academics/art-culture-science/wgrsef/index.php>).
- Follow all instructions and directives given by Program Staff.
- Act in a courteous manner and treat participants, parents, volunteers, staff, and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.
- Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.
- Abide by the decisions made by the WGRSEF Judges and Staff. Subjectivity will always be a minor part of competitions; unsportsmanlike conduct by student or guardian will result in disqualification of the project.
- Obey University policies and local, state and federal laws.
- Students must be present during judging, public viewing, and the Awards Ceremony and keep their exhibits on display for the duration of the fair. Student will not attempt to remove exhibit before the scheduled time (AFTER the Awards Ceremony on February 2, 2024).
- If attending GSEF and ISEF, adhere to rules of conduct for student delegates.

Participants who fail to adhere to this Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants. Failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct may subject participants to disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the Program and future Programs/Activities offered at the University of West Georgia.

I understand that the student will be subject to the rules and standards of conduct of the Program and the University System of Georgia. I further understand that the student's violation of the rules and standards of conduct or failure to comply with the reasonable direction of Program Staff may result in the student's dismissal from the Program. The parent/guardian accepts responsibility for all costs associated with removing the student from the Program. I understand that dismissed participants are not eligible for a refund of any fees or expenses and may not be eligible to participate in future Programs/Activities.

I certify that I understand and have read the above carefully before signing. I acknowledge and represent that I freely and voluntarily sign this Agreement, and that it is my express intent that this Agreement shall contractually bind my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself and my child.

Student Signature (required for ALL students, regardless of age)

Date

Student Name (please PRINT clearly)

Parent/Guardian Signature (required for all students under age 18)

Date

Parent Phone