**STEM Voice Video Competition**

The STEM Voice™ Video Competition is nation-wide opportunity for kids in grades 5-12 to artistically explore the importance of STEM. Biocom Institute, a non-profit based in San Diego, California and focused on promoting STEM and knowledge of the life-science industry, is the proud sponsor of this competition in 2014. Be creative and use video to show how much you love STEM. Act it out, create an animation, sing it but, make sure it is appropriate for all ages. Grand prize winner receives $5,000 and will be flown to San Diego with a parent or guardian receive the award at the [BIO International Convention](http://convention.bio.org/2014/) during June 23-26 2014! Runners up will receive an Apple® gift card.

**Eligibility:**

* Must be in the 5th grade-12th grade and under 18 years of age;
* United States legal resident (residents of Hawaii, Alaska and territories are eligible to win but, will not be flown to San Diego);
* Be willing to come San Diego, CA with a parent or guardian;
* Cannot be related to employees of STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration.

**Step 1: Be Creative:**

We want you to be creative in your video creations. All we ask is that tell us (1) why STEM is important to you OR (2) who your STEM hero is and why. Be sure to include what STEM is in your video. Some ideas to get your creative juices flowing: interview someone, create a short story, animate, act or sing!

**Step 2: Create your video!**

The format of the video should be easily uploaded to YouTube. Remember, you are limited to one minute including introductions. No group submissions will be accepted due to prize configuration.

**Step 3: Complete and Submit the Application:**

The application is required for all submissions. Please remember to include the following information: name, age, gender, mailing address, Multimedia Release Form (to be signed by an adult) and Terms and Conditions Form. Please fill out and return application via email, fax or mail to areynolds@biocom.org, fax: 858-455-0022 (ATTN: Ashley Reynolds) 4510 Executive Drive, Plaza One, San Diego, CA 92121.

**Step 4: Upload Video**

Once you have met the eligibility requirements and filled out an application, you will be able to upload videos. In order to submit your video into the contest, you much upload to your own YouTube page. Then, you must email a link to areynolds@biocom.org. Once we receive your link we will add it to our playlist housed at the [Biocom Institute YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnHMSPN3nnLFkJfTKBvdvQw) page.

**Important Dates:**

March 22, 2014 Contest opens.

April 21, 2014 DEADLINE for Submission of Videos is at 11:59pm PST.

May 16, 2014 Final Selection of Grand Prize Winner

June 23-26, 2014 Notification of winner at the International Bio Convention

**STEM Voice**™ **Video Competition Application**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**AGE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**CITY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please have parent or guardian read and sign below.**

I hereby confirm and certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above mentioned Minor Child, I hereby

consent to My Minor Child’s participation in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties for any expenses, claims or liabilities that may arise as a result of any insufficiency of my full legal authority to execute this Release agreement. I confirm the information above is correct.

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**I CERTIFY MY CHILD IS A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: YES NO**

**Please return form by mail, fax or email to:**

Ashley Reynolds

Program Manager

Biocom Institute

4510 Executive Drive, Plaza One

San Diego, CA 92121

areynolds@biocom.org

Fax Number: 858-455-0022

Office Number: 858-455-0300 x129

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

Participants in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition are required to accept the Terms and Conditions governing the contest which is set forth below. The Parent or Guardian of minors, must read and sign Terms and Conditions and Multimedia Publicity/privacy Release forms on behalf of minor and sign document for record keeping.

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PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY AND CONDITIONAL UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS. ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ALSO AFFECTS ANY RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE IF YOU ARE INJURED OR OTHERWISE SUFFER DAMAGES WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE STEM VOICE™ VIDEO COMPETITION.

I intend to participate in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition and understand that my participation is voluntary. The term “Participant” as used in this Terms and Conditions shall refer only to the individual accepting the Terms and Conditions.

***Important Note***: Applicants should allow ample time to prepare and submit all required materials through the application system, and should review the application system and requirements as soon as possible. While the STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration is prepared to assist applicants with questions and technical problems, it is the responsibility of the applicant to start early so as to have sufficient time to address any questions that may arise. STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration will make every effort to address applicant questions or technical difficulties, but, in no way can guarantee or assure that queries or technical difficulties can be resolved in time to meet the deadline.

**1.  Legal Status and Participant Responsibility and Liability**

a. The STEM Voice™ Video Competition is an extracurricular program and participation is voluntary.

b. The STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration is comprised of the Biocom Institute, Biocom and the Coalition of State Biosciences (CSBI) affiliates.

c. STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration does not provide insurance coverage for participants in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition if a participant is personally injured or if damage occurs to personal property during participation in the competition. Participants are not entitled to Workers Compensation benefits, or any other benefit available to employees of STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration.

d. There is no guarantee that a video will be selected as a finalist or win the competition.

e. A Participant shall be personally responsible for the payments of all expenses and costs that may be incurred as a result of her / his participation in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition. Furthermore, no expenses or costs incurred by a Participant will be paid by or reimbursed by STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration.

f. STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration shall have no obligation, express or implied, to supervise, monitor, review or otherwise assume responsibility for the work of any Participant in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any Participant or any third parties for or on account of any injury, loss, or damage, of any kind or nature, sustained by, or any damage assessed or asserted against, or any other liability incurred by or imposed upon a Participant or any other person or entity, arising out of or in connection with or resulting from the STEM Voice™ Video Competition.

**2. Privacy**

a. Personal information will be collected when a Participant applies for the STEM Voice™ Video Competition. Registration requires that a Participant provide name, email address, birthdate and any other information deem necessary to provide age and residency. By accepting the Terms and Conditions, a Participant grants permission and consents to STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration to review the Participant’s videos hosted on YouTube.com, and host and/or link video for promotional purposes.

b. The information submitted by a Participant will be used to confirm eligibility, evaluate the application, and administer awards. This information will be disclosed to the STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration and judges for purposes of evaluation and selection. For the public viewing portion of the competition, the Participants name, video name and video itself will be made public.

c. Once registered, Participants may receive periodic communications regarding to important deadlines and information. Participants will have the opportunity to opt-out of receiving this additional information.

d. Information collected will not be sold, rented or provided to anyone for commercial or marketing purposes.

e. Personal information received in connection with the STEM Voice™ Video Competition may be released as required by subpoena, law or a court of competent jurisdiction.  Personal information may also be disclosed as provided herein and in the event that a Participant’s safety or security is at risk or in order to protect the integrity and security of the STEM Voice™ Video Competition website.

f. The STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration reserves the right to modify the privacy policy described herein at any time without prior notification to users and registrants. A notice will be posted on the website should significant policy changes take effect.

**3. Video Guidelines**

a. Videos submitted for the STEM Voice™ Video Competition must comply with the provisions of this Agreement regarding the use of intellectual property and privacy applicable to the STEM Voice™ Video Competition. STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration may refuse entry to any participant at its sole discretion.

b. Videos submitted for the STEM Voice™ Video Competition must not contain any pornographic, illicit, illegal, or otherwise inappropriate content, as determined by the STEM Voice™ Video Competition administration in its sole discretion.

c. Videos submitted for the STEM Voice™ Video Competition must not include any copyrighted materials.  For example, the wearing of clothing showing commercial logos or the display of such logos in any way in a video submission is prohibited.

d. The consent and waiver of all persons featured in a video shall be obtained in writing in advance and that waiver and consent must include without limitation the consent of the Participant to the public posting of that person’s image and must be submitted along with application.

e. The STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration will review materials before posting to confirm appropriateness and that there are no copyright infringements. Any video that violates the above guidelines and/or is not in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement may be disqualified in the sole discretion of STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration.

f. STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration disclaims any responsibility for video content. However video may remain on public YouTube page and affiliated website, if needed.

**4.  Intellectual Property and Privacy Policies**

a. All rights in inventions, copyrightable material, and other information or properties created by the Participant in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition (collectively, “Intellectual Property”) shall remain in the inventor, creator, or original owner of the same in accordance with applicable laws then in effect.

b. Participants must ensure that any intellectual property owned by others and used in their application submissions has been approved for use by the owner of the copyright and appropriately attributed.

c. The application and materials submitted with the application shall be considered the property of the STEM Voice™ Video Competition upon submission and the STEM Voice™ Video Competition shall have no obligation to return any materials to applicants.

d. Neither STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration nor STEM Voice™ Video Competition will claim any ownership in submitted application materials or any part of the video, or Intellectual Property created by a Participant or team.

**5. Judging rules**

After the submitting a video by 11:59pm PST on April 21, 2014, the STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration will, in its sole discretion, select the videos that will compete as finalists for committee voting on the website. Public voting will not be considered by the STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration in its determination of the winner. Prior to this time, certain videos may be highlighted on various social media channel to promote the STEM Voice™ Video Competition.

**6. Prize Award**

a. Grand prize totals $5,000 cash to be used by the winner and a trip for the winner and one parent or guardian to San Diego California to present the winning video at the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) annual International Conference held at the San Diego Convention Center between June 23rd -26th, 2014. If winner is a resident of San Diego County, Orange County, Los Angeles County, Imperial County or Inland Empire, travel will not be included. An undisclosed number of runner-up prizes will be awarded in the form of Apple® Gift cards.

b. If the winning video for the STEM Voice™ Video Competition was submitted by a team of participants, the prize award will be distributed to the person applying for the competition and only one winner will be invited to San Diego to attend the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) annual International Conference.

c. Participants shall be responsible for the tax consequences of any prizes that may be awarded to them.

**7. Entire Agreement**.  This Agreement to the Terms and Conditions constitutes the entire understanding between the Participant and STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration relating to the STEM Voice™ Video Competition and supersedes and replaces all prior agreements, understandings, writings, and discussions. This Agreement may not be modified except by written agreement executed by STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration and the undersigned Participant.

**8. Execution: Legally Binding Agreement**

By accepting the Terms and Condition the participant hereby acknowledges:  I have read and understand these Terms and Conditions, and I agree that in consideration of my participation in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition, I do hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue any party associated with the STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration , their trustees, officers, employees or agents, for any liability, claim, and/or cause of action arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me that occurs as a result of my participation in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition. I hereby further agree that my acceptance of these Terms and Conditions shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the state of California.

I acknowledge the above by accepting the Terms and Conditions for the STEM Voice™ Video Competition.

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**Applicant Date**

**(For Parents of Minors):** I certify I am the legal parent or guardian of contestant, over the age of 18 and legally competent to sign this Terms and Condition form. I hereby confirm and certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above mentioned Minor Child (applicant), I hereby consent to My Minor Child’s participation in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition, and I further consent and agree to all provisions of this document and agree that all provisions of this document shall be effective as to My Minor Child in their participation of the STEM Voice™ Video Competition. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties for any expenses, claims or liabilities that may arise as a result of any insufficiency of my full legal authority to execute this Release agreement.

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**Parent or Guardian (for those under 18) Date**

MULTIMEDIA PUBLICITY/PRIVACY RELEASE

I hereby irrevocably grant to STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration, its subsidiaries, affiliates, nominees, licensees, and assigns, and those acting with its authority with respect to (a) my participation in the STEM Voice™ Video Competition, and/or (b) photographs, film or tape (the “Materials”) taken of me or relating to me by or on behalf of STEM Voice™ Video Competition, the unrestricted, absolute, perpetual, worldwide royalty-free license and right to:

(1) Reproduce, copy, modify, create derivatives in whole or in part, or otherwise use the Materials or any part thereof in combination with or as a composite of other matter, including, but not limited to, text, data, images, photographs, illustrations, animation and graphics, video or audio segments of any nature, in any media or embodiment, now known or hereafter to become known, including, but not limited to, all formats of computer readable electronic, magnetic, digital, laser or optical-based media (the “Works”), and

(2) Use and permit to be used my name, whether in original or modified form, in connection with the video STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration may chose, and

(3) Display, perform, exhibit, distribute, transmit or broadcast the Works by any means now known or hereafter to become known.

Waiver and Release I hereby waive all rights and release STEM Voice™ Video Competition Administration and affiliates from, and shall neither sue nor bring any proceeding against any such parties for, any claim or cause of action, whether now known or unknown, for defamation, invasion of privacy, publicity or personality, false light, or any other matter, whether based upon or relating to the use and exploitation of the Materials or otherwise.

* **I agree that there shall be no obligation to utilize the authorization granted by me hereunder. The terms of this authorization shall commence on the date hereof and be without limitation. \*** IF VIDEO INCLUDES ANYONE BESIDES THE PARTICIPANT, CONTACT AREYNOLDS@BIOCOM.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL MULTIMEDIA PUBLICITY/PRIVACY RELEASE.

**Applicant Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*If I am under 18, my parent or legal guardian has read this release and is fully familiar with its contents. We (I) approve and agree to the foregoing.*

**My child is \_\_\_\_ years of age as of \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2014\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Sign here \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Print name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**STEM Voice™ Video Competition Date**