Student Response Permission Verification

The Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) is offering students aged 13 and older an opportunity to submit their original photographs and oral histories collected within their communities to possibly be featured in SAAM's exhibition *2026 Photo Survey* and on public-facing websites in celebration of America's 250th.

Method of submission: An authorized school representative must complete this permission verification and submit it along with your students' responses. Your students' works can be scanned and emailed to creatingportraits@si.edu.

Permission Verification: In order for the Smithsonian to provide this opportunity to your students, we need your verification that you have the necessary permission from your students' parents or legal guardians for your students to participate in the activity and submit their original writing and collected oral histories. This includes:

(i) Parent or Legal Guardian Consent
   a. Each participating student and their parents/guardians will own the actual work the student submits and any copyright in the actual work student submits. Parents/guardians and student consent to the Smithsonian's use and reproduction of all or any part of student's work, as well as images and records of the work, along with the student's first name, age, city, and state, for any educational, promotional, archival, standard museum purpose, and/or publication in a printed book, worldwide, in any media now known or later developed, without compensation or time limitations.
   b. Each participating student and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree that the student's work will be their own original work and will not include personal information that the student or their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) want kept private.

(ii) Model Release
   a. Each person featured in student photography and their parent(s)/legal guardian (if the model is under 18 years of age) grants permission to the Smithsonian Institution, and those authorized by the Smithsonian Institution, on a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual and irrevocable basis, to use and reproduce their name and image as it is incorporated into the portrait.

(iii) Oral History Release
   a. Each person interviewed for an oral history and their parent(s)/legal guardian (if the interviewee is under 18 years of age) grants the student permission to record and otherwise document (e.g., video, audio, photography, transcript, and edited transcript) an interview ("Interview"). The Interview may consist of audio and video recordings, and full transcript.
   b. Each person interviewed for an oral history and their parent(s)/legal guardian (if the interviewee is under 18 years of age) understands that the Smithsonian intends to make the Interview available to the public. They agree that they will not share any information in the Interview that they do not want made public.
   c. Each person interviewed for an oral history and their parent(s)/legal guardian (if the interviewee is under 18 years of age) grants to the Smithsonian, and those third parties authorized by the Smithsonian, a perpetual, irrevocable worldwide license to use, reproduce, transmit, publicly display or perform, prepare derivative works from, and distribute the Interview in whole or in part

Please refer to your school's administration for parental permission requirements and forms. Please submit only this verification form to SAAM after receiving parental permission. The Smithsonian reserves the right to request copies of the aforementioned permission forms as needed. Please have the school representative keep permission forms in perpetuity from date of submission.

By completing this permission verification, I represent and warrant that I am an authorized representative of the school listed below, and have received the necessary parental permissions to submit the below-identified student entries to SAAM on the conditions listed above.

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(School Representative's Name, printed) (Contact email address)

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(School Representative's title) (School name)

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(School Representative's signature) (Date)

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(School Address)

Please list students by **first name only**. Include last initial when two or more students share the same first name. (Please extend to additional pages as needed.)