



“You’ve Got Perseverance!” Nomination Rules

Overview

NASA’s “You’ve Got Perseverance!” opportunity is for students in U.S.-based schools in grades 6th through 12th who have demonstrated perseverance in academic pursuits, showing that nothing will deter them from their educational journey. Selected students will get a special message sent directly from the Perseverance rover on Mars!

Nominations will be accepted within certain windows of opportunity. See full list of opportunities at go.nasa.gov/gotperseverance.

Who Can Be Nominated?

- Nominations are for individual students in 6th through 12th grade in U.S. public, private, and home schools (including U.S. territories & possessions and schools operated by the U.S. for the children of American personnel overseas). If the student is enrolled in an independent study or homeschool environment, choose an appropriate category based on where the student would be placed if attending public school in the United States.
- Only one nomination per student is allowed per opportunity.
- The following are NOT eligible for nomination:
 - Children of NASA, JPL, or Caltech employees
 - Previous “You’ve Got Perseverance!” awardees

Who Can Nominate?

- Two nominators are required for each entry.
- At least one nominator must be an educator (teacher, principal, school counselor) with first-hand knowledge of the student’s academic improvement.
- The second nominator, who validates the submission, can be an educator (as above), or an informal educator or community leader (supporting students in an after-school or extracurricular activity such as sports, music, church, scouts or any skill-building association).
- The following are NOT eligible to serve as nominators:
 - Relatives, parents, grandparents, or legal guardians/caregivers of the nominee
 - Employees of NASA, JPL or Caltech and/or their contractors
 - Minors (under age 18)

Nomination Requirements

- Nominators must have the permission of the student's parent or a legal guardian and agree with all the nomination rules listed in this document before nominating a student. If the nomination is selected, the parent or legal guardian will be contacted to confirm their permission to participate per the nomination rules and to sign a consent form. If the consent form is not received within three days of parental notification, the nomination may not proceed.
- Nominators must provide the following contact information for the nominee's parent/legal guardian:
 - Name
 - Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code
 - Phone Number
 - Email Address
- Primary nominator must provide the following contact information for a second nominator who can validate the nomination:
 - Name
 - Relationship to the Nominee (*examples: educator, principal, school counselor or other community leader*)
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
- Nominators must submit a brief description (800 characters or less) with examples of how the nominee has demonstrated perseverance in their academic pursuits. The description should include clear and compelling examples that describe how the student has shown tenacity and persistence, self-motivation, and the ability to overcome obstacles to accomplish their goals. It should be written in English, and should contain no identifying information about the student beyond their first name.
- Additionally, nominators must submit, in English, a brief description (200 characters or less) with examples and data of how their nominee has shown measurable improvement in their academic performance. Examples include a demonstrated increase in grade letter, percentage, or other academic progress. If your nominee is selected, official academic records may be requested.

Nomination Process and Confirmation

1. Once a nomination window closes, all entries received for that opportunity will be entered into a random drawing for selection.
2. The first 20 entries to be selected at random and determined to meet the nomination requirements above will move forward to confirmation.
3. As part of the confirmation process, the parent or legal guardian of the nominee will be notified and asked to confirm their permission to participate per the nomination rules and to sign a consent form.
4. If the consent form is not returned within three days of parental notification, the entry may not proceed. Another entry may be drawn at random to replace it.
5. If an entry is found to not meet the nomination requirements, it will not move forward. Another entry will be drawn at random to replace it.
6. During the confirmation process, the selected nominations will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrating Perseverance
 - Tenacity and persistence
 - Overcoming obstacles
 - Self motivation
- Academic Performance Improvement

7. If a nomination period lacks sufficient nominations, previously submitted nominations may advance to the following round.

Notifications

Nominators and parents or legal guardians will be notified by email and/or by phone if their student is selected to receive the “You’ve Got Perseverance!” award. Parents will need to confirm participation and return a consent form within three days of notification.

Awards

“You’ve Got Perseverance!” awardees will receive:

- A personalized message beamed directly from NASA’s Perseverance rover on Mars
- An invitation to chat with the rover team members from mission control at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (via a live webcast)
- An award pack of materials with mission essentials

Highlighting Awardees

- “You’ve Got Perseverance!” awardees may be featured in an online Awardees Gallery. Excerpts of the submission may be highlighted in the gallery and across other NASA web pages and/or other social platforms, including videos.
- Award presentation webcasts with students will be recorded and posted online after each event.
- Consenting parents/guardians agree that nomination entries are property of NASA may be used in whole or in part, for any purpose. Photos of awardees submitted by parents/legal guardians may be used on NASA websites, videos, social media or other promotional materials.

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