

# REQUEST FOR USE OF FIREARMS ENDORSEMENT

**This form must be typed and submitted and acted upon before any demonstration or experimentation can begin.**

**BEFORE beginning any project using firearms, students must obtain permission from the Safety Committee.** Details about rules and regulations regarding the use of firearms are on pages 18 and 19 of the 2017 Science Fair Handbook. Only projects that do conform to all the rules and regulations and have prior permission will be allowed.

**THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR ALL LEVELS OF SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION.**

- A. For purposes of participating in programs sponsored by the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc., demonstrations or experiments involving: 1) the use of explosives of any type whatsoever (including, but not limited to black powder and gunpowder); or 2) the use of any air gun, firearm or black powder gun, is absolutely forbidden except when advance permission is obtained from the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc. to utilize an air gun or firearm only as stated in this paragraph below. Notwithstanding the prohibition set forth above, a student may make application to the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc. for advance permission to conduct a demonstration or an experiment utilizing an air gun or firearm only. The Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc. may, at its sole discretion, deny permission if it has any concern whatsoever for safety related to the demonstration or experiment. Additionally, an experiment will be approved only if all of the following conditions are met at all times:
- 1) the student may not possess, handle or utilize any air gun or firearm at any time for conducting the demonstration or experiment for a science fair project; and the student and all bystanders, if present during the demonstration or experiment, must be behind a ballistic shield and wear eye and ear protection; the student is responsible for all items listed on the Checklist of the Physical Arrangement of the Science Project Paper on pages 57 and 58 of the 2017 Science Fair Handbook;
  - 2) the air gun or firearm must be handled at all times and the demonstration or experiment must be directly conducted at all times by a person over 21 years of age who is certified as a police officer by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board or by a person himself or herself licensed as a Private Detective or Private Security Contractor and in possession of a currently valid Firearms Control Card issued by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR") (Note: a Concealed Carry License issued by the Illinois State Police SHALL NOT SUFFICE, and a Permanent Employee Record Card "PERC" issued by the IDFPR SHALL NOT SUFFICE);
  - 3) the police officer or IDFPR-licensed professional conducting and supervising the demonstration or experiment must provide a written statement describing the demonstration or experiment in detail, provide a copy of all of his or her credentials, and certify under the police officer's or IDFPR-licensed professional's signature that the demonstration or experiment is safe to all persons involved; and explain why and how the demonstration or experiment is safe to all persons involved to the satisfaction of Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc.; (**Copy of current FOID and Police Credentials, or Firearms Control Card must be attached to the request form.**)\*
  - 4) the police officer or IDFPR-licensed professional supervising the demonstration or experiment must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 naming the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc. as "ADDITIONAL INSURED"; the facility where the demonstration or experimentation will be conducted must be recognized by the Illinois State Police and will be required to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 naming the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc., as "ADDITIONAL INSURED";
  - 5) the student, parent, guardian, police or professional supervisor, and all persons present during the conduct of the demonstration or experiment must provide a release of liability for the benefit of, and in a form agreeable to, the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair, Inc., such form shall be provided when the student is granted permission to conduct the demonstration or experiment;
  - 6) the demonstration or experiment must not involve the hand loading or reloading of ammunition and may not utilize any black powder or muzzle loading gun;
  - 7) any demonstration or experiment involving a firearm must utilize at all times commercially-loaded fixed cartridge ammunition manufactured according to SAAMI standards;
  - 8) the air gun or firearm utilized must be commercially-manufactured and may not be older than fifty (50) years of age;
  - 9) the demonstration or experiment shall not involve making or testing modifications or alterations to the air gun or firearm itself;
  - 10) all local, municipal, state and federal laws and regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times;
  - 11) no air guns, firearms or ammunition can be present at any level of science fair (school science fair, Network Regional Science Fair, City Science Fair, IJAS and ISEF).
- B. Any advance permission issued shall be valid to conduct demonstrations or experiments for a period of thirty (30) days following approval, after which further demonstrations or experiments may not be conducted unless the advance permission is renewed or separate advance permission for a new or different demonstration or experiment is given.

If the Safety Committee determines that all condition set forth as mentioned above are not met, the Request for Firearms will be denied. If the Safety Committee finds that all conditions have been met the student will receive a Release of Liability Form for all persons present when the science fair project is conducted to be completed and submitted to the Safety Committee prior to exhibition at a science fair. If participants are under 18 years of age, the permission of his/her legal guardian must be obtained before the subject may be involved in the demonstration or experiment.

**NO EXCEPTIONS are allowed to the above set requirements. Requests must be sent in and approved prior to the beginning of the science fair project. No Requests for Use of Firearms will be accepted for approval after October 31, 2016.**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student School ID number (8 digits):         Print Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ GSR# \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**This proposed demonstration or experiment must be conducted by a person over 21 years of age who is certified as a police officer by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board or by a person himself or herself licensed as a Private Detective or Private Security Contractor and in possession of a currently valid Firearms Control Card issued by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR") (Note: a Concealed Carry License issued by the Illinois State Police SHALL NOT SUFFICE, and a Permanent Employee Record Card "PERC" issued by the IDFPR SHALL NOT SUFFICE); all of the following information must be submitted with the Request for Use of Firearms and submitted by October 31, 2016.**

**1. Licensed Professional contact information:**

Name of professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Position and name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number (extension if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. A signed original letter that specifically describes the student's project and how the licensed professional will be involved in conducting the demonstration or experiment. The letter must also include the following statement indicating that you certify that you are a current holder of a FOID card and/or a IDFPR card and will submit a copy with this letter. \*This letter must also indicate that you will be submitting a copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance as outlined in Statement 4 of this Request Form.**

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN THE LETTER**

**"By signing this document I certify that I will directly conduct the demonstration or experiment using the firearm and will supervise the student and all persons present on site to prevent risk and exposure to potentially hazardous materials and equipment involved in this project.**

**TWO COPIES OF THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MELANIE WOTULEWICZ, CPS Student Science Fair, JOHN C. DORE ELEMENTARY, 6108 SOUTH NATOMA, CHICAGO, IL 60638 (Via CPS only - GSR #44 By October 31, 2016. (PLEASE DO NOT FAX DOCUMENTS)**

## PAGE 2 of REQUEST FOR USE OF FIREARMS ENDORSEMENT

Students whose projects involve the use of a firearm and sponsors using firearms in a science project must complete this form. **Students must submit a Request for Use of Firearms to the Safety Review Committee, before any demonstration or experimentation can begin.** The signature of the student(s) and the sponsor indicate the project will be done within the rules and regulations on the previous page and as found listed in the 2016 Science Fair Handbook on pages 18 - 19. Failure to comply with these rules will mean disqualification of the project at any level. This form must also be included in the project research paper following the Safety Sheet.

**Read and answer each of the following questions carefully so the Safety Review Committee can fairly assess whether your project will be safe and in compliance with all the rules and regulations.**

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Hypothesis or problem to be investigated:  
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2. Give full name, address, phone number and owner's name of licensed facility where firearms will be used:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Facilities License # \_\_\_\_\_-(Copy must be attached to this request.)

Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance must be attached to this request naming Chicago Public School Student Science Fair, Inc, as "ADDITIONAL INSURED" for the amount of \$1,000,000.00

3. Name of the adult professional using the firearm and supervising project: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

FOID Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms Control Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Copy of current FOID and Police Credentials, or Firearms Control Card must be attached to the request form.)

Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance must be attached to this request naming Chicago Public School Student Science Fair, Inc, as "ADDITIONAL INSURED" for the amount of \$1,000,000.00

4. Model and caliber of firearm being used: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of firearm: \_\_\_\_\_ FOID Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Type of ammunition being used in the firearm listed above: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Procedures: Describe in detail the demonstration or experiment that will take place using the firearm along with the type of data that will be collected after the completion of this demonstration or experiment. Please attached additional pages if needed:  
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6. Cite specifically how this demonstration or experiment relates to the CPS science curriculum and relates to the Next Generation Science Standards:  
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7. Describe the safety precautions that all participants will follow while conducting this experiment in order to minimize potential hazards or harm:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Signature of licensed professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The signatures of the sponsor and the student or students below indicate that the project conforms to the above rules of CPS Student Science Fair and of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science.**

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR SRC USE ONLY	The signature and stamp in blue ink indicate this project has been approved as safe.	SRC Stamp:
	Safety Review Committee Member:	
	Date of approval:	

**SIGNATURE AND STAMP FROM THE SRC MUST BE ON THIS ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THIS PROJECT CAN BE EXHIBITED. THIS ENDORSEMENT MUST BE TYPED AND DISPLAYED ON THE FRONT OF THE EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAY BOARD. IT MAY BE REDUCED TO A HALF SHEET OF PAPER IF NECESSARY. CHECK LIST OF ITEMS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE REQUEST FOR USE OF FIREARMS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMPLETED REQUEST FOR USE OF FIREARMS<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. LETTER FROM LICENSED PROFESSIONAL<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. COPY OF CURRENT FOID AND OR FIREARMS CONTROL CARD | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. COPY OF PROFESSIONAL'S CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. COPY OF THE FACILITY'S LICENSE<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. COPY OF THE FACILITY'S CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE |
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