Terms & Conditions

- 1. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to residents of the United States who are 16 years of age or older at the time of entry. Employees and immediate family members of the competition organizers are not eligible to enter.
- 2. **Entry Period:** The competition begins and ends on the dates specified by the organizers. Entries submitted before or after the specified period will not be considered.
- 3. **Submission Requirements:** All entries must comply with the submission guidelines outlined by the competition. Incomplete or non-compliant entries may be disqualified.
- 4. **Originality and Rights:** Each participant must ensure that their submitted works are original and do not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of any third party. By entering, participants grant the organizers a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, display, reproduce, and distribute the submissions in connection with the competition and for promotional purposes.
- 5. **Judging and Selection:** Winners will be selected by a panel of judges based on the criteria set forth by the competition organizers. The decision of the judges will be final and binding.
- 6. **Prizes:** The grand prize is \$5,000, awarded either as a cash prize or a scholarship for educational purposes. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizers. Prizes are non-transferable and must be accepted as awarded.
- 7. Use of Prize Money: Winners are required to use the prize money as detailed in their winning statement of intent, especially if awarded as a scholarship.
- 8. Liability and Indemnity: The organizers shall not be liable for any damages, losses, or injuries resulting from participation in the competition or the acceptance/use of any prize. Participants agree to indemnify and hold the organizers harmless from any claims arising out of their entry.
- 9. **Privacy:** Personal information collected from participants will be used solely for the purpose of administering the competition and as outlined in the privacy policy.
- 10. Changes to Competition Rules: The organizers reserve the right to modify the competition rules, prizes, and eligibility criteria at any time without prior notice.
- 11. **Acceptance of Terms:** Participation in the competition constitutes the entrant's full and unconditional agreement to these terms and conditions.