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MONTH AT THE
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SCIENCE NEVER SLEEPS

Month at the Museum™ is back! The **Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago** (MSI) is once again searching for a roommate to live in the Museum for a month, experience the adventure of a lifetime—and take home \$10,000. If you are an outgoing, curious individual who's ready to take on MSI, tell us:

How would you **2** it?

Download your application at monthatthemuseum.org.



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INSTRUCTIONS

Remember: Your entry materials must be received by the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) no later than 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time on July 22, 2011. Entries arriving after that time will not be accepted.

STEP 1 - ESSAY: WHY DO YOU WANT THIS?

In 500 words or less, tell us: Why you want to live in the Museum for a month? What do you hope to get out of the experience? *Attach the essay to this application.*

STEP 2 - VIDEO: WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THIS EXPERIENCE?

Create a 60-second video that showcases your creativity while featuring you. (*Big hint: Be sure you are seen and heard in it. It's your best chance to show us your in-person personality. One other hint: We've seen the Mentos in Diet Coke experiment about a zillion times.*) Tell us about your interest in (and experiences with) science. What would you do with 30 days at MSI? How would you make learning fun? Why you would be the best person to have this one-of-a-kind experience? *Burn your video to a DVD that can be played in a standard DVD player. And make sure you test it on a couple of different players to make sure it plays. Put your name on both the disc and any case/sleeve containing it.*

STEP 3 - PHOTOS: TWO (2) 5" x 7" PHOTOS (SAME PHOTO)

The photo should be a recent one of you, rather than that hilarious school portrait of you from third grade before you discovered shampoo. Great for Facebook profiles, but not so much for us.

Put your full name on the reverse side of each photo. The photos should be exactly the same.

STEP 4 - APPLICATION FORM

Please complete all questions. Your application will not be considered if it has any incomplete fields or all questions are not answered.

LEGIBILITY IS VITAL. Filling in your answers into this PDF form on your computer and printing is crucial, even if you have nice handwriting. Click into the blanks to enter your answer. (Be sure to save the document frequently to preserve your work; you might also type answers in a separate document first, and then copy/paste into the blanks.) If you must print this form and handwrite your answers, be very sure that your contact information is clear and legible. (Show it to a friend and ask if they think it's legible).

ENTRY APPLICATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Nickname (if any; otherwise, you can make one up):

Street Address Line 1:

Street Address Line 2:

City: State: Zip:

Cell Phone: Home Phone:

Work Phone: Fax:

Email:

How did you hear about *Month at the Museum 2*?

Are you over the age of 18? Y N

Are you legally allowed to receive compensation for services in the United States?

Y N

Are you a student? If so, at what school and what is your major/concentration?

Are you currently employed? If so, where? What is your job title?

Have you ever been employed by or volunteered at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago? If so, when and in what capacity?

Have you ever been employed by another museum or cultural institution?

When, where else and in what capacity have you been employed over the past ten years?

Do you have dietary requirements or restrictions? (Things like “caviar only” aside, of course.)

If selected, you will be at the Museum around the clock, except for occasional appearances at outside events, for 30 days with limited-to-no personal use of e-mail, phones or the Internet. (Don't worry, we'll make sure you see the sun from time to time.) Do you have any personal relationships, responsibilities for child or dependent care, apprenticeships to curiously coiffed billionaire tycoons, or any other commitments that would make this difficult? If so, please describe.

Do you have any physical and/or medical conditions that would affect your ability to fulfill the physical requirements of this residence (as described in the Description and Rules)? If so, please describe them and any accommodations we might be able to make.

Do you speak any languages other than English? Which one(s) and how fluently?

What is your highest level of education achieved and what school(s) did you attend?

What is your biggest claim to fame (so far)? Some triumph, talent or moment of glory that even briefly made you a legend, even if in your own mind.

Name three of your favorite hobbies or activities.

Name three of your pet peeves.

Let's get a couple of things out of the way:

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime? Are there any outstanding warrants for your arrest? Were you ever disciplined or sanctioned by any non-judicial disciplinary or administrative tribunal(s)? For any "yes" answer, please describe the circumstances involved, including time, place and offense, as well as any penalties imposed.

Y N

Obviously, *Month at the Museum* is a very public process, involving the resources and audience of the worldwide Interwebs. Is there anything in your past or background that you would find embarrassing to have come to light?

Now back to the fun.

List three adjectives that best describe you.

How would you describe your energy level? (*Anywhere between couch potato to Boston Marathon runner.*)

How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of basic science relative to most people?

What experience do you have working with children?

Do you consider yourself a people person? How do you feel in a situation where you are surrounded by strangers?

What is the farthest you've been from home and what's the longest you've ever been away from home? Tell us about that.

Do you maintain any blogs, Twitter accounts, podcasts, YouTube videos or other social media accounts? Tell us which ones and any links you would like to share. How would you describe your level of photography/video experience?

What are your computer skills? Is your platform Windows, Mac OS and/or Linux? Where do you fall in the spectrum: *Strictly a word processor/email person ... Somewhat savvy with digital and social media ... Total whiz at anything with 1s and 0s?*

Have you ever appeared in any publicly released television show, video or film? If so, when and what were they?

Give us a little sense of your entertainment favorites: what kinds of television shows, movies and/or music do you like?

If a particular song played anytime you walked in the door -- your signature song -- what would it be?

How many times have you visited the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago?

- Dozens A few times Once Never

If you've been to the Museum, what is your favorite exhibit or artifact and why?

What are three exhibit topics that you'd find totally fascinating? (They don't have to exist; get creative if you want!)

Did you apply for the first *Month at the Museum*? Y N

Did you follow the first *Month at the Museum*? Do you remember how you first heard about it? What was your favorite part or feature of the month?

Do you know any Museum of Science and Industry employees? If so, whom?

Are you related to or a member of a household of a current or former Museum employee, volunteer or contractor? If so, whom?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Other than *Month at the Museum 2*, tell us one goal, aspiration or dream you have.

Finally, if you posted your video submission to YouTube, please give us the URL here.

Carefully review the rules, regulations and specifications before signing.

I have signed this Application and the attached Release and Waiver on the day of , 2011. I affirm that the statements made by me herein are accurate and truthful. I also affirm that I have no impediments to my availability or fitness to live in the Museum from Oct. 19, 2011 through Nov. 17, 2011 and/or attend any public appearances requested by the Museum after Nov. 17, 2011.

Signature:

Print Name:

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STEP 5 - RELEASE AND WAIVER

In consideration for the opportunity to submit my Entry Application to participate as an applicant in the *Month at the Museum™ 2* (MATM2) promotional program being planned at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), and for other good and valuable consideration, I irrevocably give MSI and its agents and contractors the right and permission to use, copy, alter, distribute, publish, broadcast, and display (i) the video that I have submitted with my Entry Application (the Video), (ii) the photos of me that I have submitted with my Entry Application (the "Photos") (iii) the essay that I have submitted with my Entry Application (the Essay), (iv) other photographs and images of me, (v) my voice and likeness, (vi) my name, the city, state or province, and country where I live, and (vii) the other information and material included in my Entry Application (items i - vii being referred to together below as the Materials), on MSI's websites, elsewhere on the internet, in advertising and promotional materials for MSI or the MATM2 program, and in any other medium or format for any purpose related to the MATM2 program or to MSI.

I acknowledge and agree that if I am selected as a finalist for the MATM2 position, MSI may post the Materials, including the Video, the Photos and the Essay, on the internet and allow the public to vote and comment on the Materials and on whether I should be chosen for the MATM2 position.

I waive any right to royalties or other payment for the use of the Materials as contemplated above. I also waive any right to inspect or approve MSI's use of the Materials, and other material that MSI may use with them.

I agree that, to the extent that the Video, the Photos and the Essay are subject to copyright, they are "works made for hire" and that the copyrights in them are owned by MSI. If the Video, the Photos or the Essay do not constitute works made for hire under applicable law, I hereby assign all copyrights in them to MSI.

I release and waive, and agree to hold MSI, its sponsors, agents and contractors, and all of their employees, officers, principals, trustees, directors, committee members, volunteers, agents, and advisors (the Released Parties) harmless from, any claims, damages, or liabilities resulting from their use of the Materials as contemplated above, and I agree not to bring any such claims against the Released Parties at any time in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, claims for violation of publicity rights and privacy rights, claims based on moral rights, claims for intrusion, claims for defamation, claims for fraud, claims for infliction of emotional distress, and claims for copyright or other intellectual property infringement, whether those claims may be based on statutes or the common law.

I also release and waive, and agree to hold the Released Parties harmless from, any claims, damages, or liabilities relating to any injury, death, damage to property, or other harm or loss of any kind arising out of or relating to my participation in the MATM2 selection process or the participation of anyone who assists me or contributes to the Materials.

I represent and warrant to MSI:

- that the Video, the Photos and the Essay are my original work or that I have obtained all copyright assignments and permissions from anyone else who helped create them that are necessary for MSI to be the sole owner of the copyrights in the Video, the Photos and the Essay;
- that I have not granted anyone else any rights to use, distribute, publish, broadcast, or display the Video, the Photos or the Essay;
- that I am over 18 years old and am legally allowed to receive compensation for services in the United States;
- that I am not and never have been an employee or agent of MSI;
- that I am not related to, romantically involved with, or member of the same household with any MSI employee or other Released Party;
- that I have the full right and authority to execute this Release and Waiver;
- that I have all rights necessary to grant the rights, licenses, waivers, and releases granted in this Release and Waiver, without any encumbrance;

- that I have read this Release and Waiver, that I have had the opportunity to consult with a lawyer about it, and that I fully understand it;
- that in entering into this Release and Waiver, I have not relied on any statements, representations, or information from MSI other than those contained in the Entry Application form and accompanying Description/Specifications;
- that I have not transferred, to anyone else, any of the rights covered by this Release and Waiver; and
- that all statements and information included in my Entry Application, and any other statements and information that I provided to or will provide to MSI, are true and complete.

I will indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless against any losses, claims, damages, and liabilities, and all related expenses including reasonable attorneys fees, resulting from any breach of any of my undertakings, representations, or warranties under this Release and Waiver, or from any statements made by me in my Entry Application or in connection with the MATM2 selection process.

I acknowledge that if I am chosen as a finalist in the MATM2 selection process, I will have to enter into a separate agreement with MSI relating to my participation in the MATM2 program, and that such agreement will contain additional undertakings, representations, warranties, and releases by me.

I acknowledge that MSI has the right, in its sole discretion, to pick any applicant as the MATM2 finalist or winner. I agree that I will not try to influence the outcome of the selection process other than by participating according to the rules, and that if I am not chosen as the winner or a backup I will have no claim against MSI, against anyone participating in the selection process, or against any other applicants because of that fact.

I agree that during and after the selection process I will not, and I will not authorize or encourage anyone else to, make any statement or representation or take any action that disparages any of the Released Parties, the MATM2 program, or any other applicants, provided that the foregoing will not prevent me from making truthful, factual statements that are required by law.

I acknowledge and agree that MSI will not be required to return any copies of the Materials to me, and that regardless of whether or not I am chosen to be the MATM2 winner or a backup, MSI will retain all rights in the Materials that I granted and assigned to it in this Release and Waiver.

This Release and Waiver will be binding on me and my heirs, devisees, estate, family, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and on anyone else who may take by or through me or who helped create the Materials. This Release and Waiver is for the benefit of all of the Released Parties, each of whom will be entitled to enforce it against me. This Release and Waiver is binding if I send a signed copy to MSI by fax, email, or other electronic transmission, or if I send MSI the original signed version.

I understand that MSI and its agents and contractors are relying on this Release and Waiver in spending considerable time and money on developing the MATM2 program, and that for this and other reasons this Release and Waiver is irrevocable.

I have signed this Entry Application and Release and Waiver on the _____ day of _____, 2011.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

STEP 6 - CHECK YOURSELF

Be sure you have correctly assembled these items. Applications missing any of these items will not be processed.

- This completed application form, including the Release and Waiver, signed and dated
- Your DVD application video, playable on a DVD player, with your full name on both the disc and any case/sleeve
- Your essay, with your name on it, attached to this application form
- Your two (2) identical 5" x 7" photos, labeled on the reverse with your full name

Your application materials will not be returned. Please make copies for yourself if you'd like a backup.

STEP 7 - MAIL YOUR APPLICATION

You are responsible for tracking your package, so use a service that can be tracked and retain your tracking number. If sending via the United States Postal Service, do not use the Return Receipt delivery option (use Delivery Confirmation instead.)

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Thanks for your interest in taking part in *Month at the Museum 2*! And good luck!