Contest Rules

To enter contest, fill in the required information on newyorker.com/go/collegecaption and include a caption of 250 characters or less for our featured cartoon. One entry per valid .edu e-mail address. Entrants must attend one of the participating universities, be of age eighteen or over, and be a legal resident of the United States or Canada (except residents of the province of Quebec), Australia, United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Caption entry ends February 14, 2016 at 11:59 PM EST.

In the first contest round, three semifinalists from each school will be selected by a member or members of the editorial staff of The New Yorker. All semifinalists’ captions will be published on the Cartoon Caption Contest page, along with each finalist’s name and school. In the event two or more valid entries contain the identical caption (including punctuation) and are selected as a finalist, the entry that was first received will be the deemed as the finalist, and the other entries will not be included as a finalist. All decisions of the Judge(s) in all matters relating to the Contest are final and binding. Students will then vote for the winning caption from their school. One caption from each school will move on to the finalists round. Voting in this round ends February 21, 2016 at 11:59 PM EST. In the following round, voters will select their favorite caption amongst the finalists. There are no restrictions as to who can participate in this round of voting and .edu e-mail address is not required. Final voting round ends February 28, 2016 at 11:59 PM EST.

Semifinalists, finalists, and winner will be contacted for a valid mailing address in order to receive their prizes.

Entries or votes that are lost, late, misdirected, garbled, or incompletely received, for any reason, including by reason of hardware, software, browser, or network failure, malfunction, congestion, or incompatibility at the Web site or elsewhere, are not the responsibility of the Sponsor, and will not be eligible. In the event of a dispute, entries/votes will be deemed submitted by the authorized account holder of the email address at time of entry. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any person tampering with the entry or voting process, the operation of the Web site, or otherwise in violation of the rules. Use of bots or other automated processes to vote or enter is not allowed and may result in disqualification at Sponsor’s discretion. Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel, terminate, or modify any Contest not capable of completion as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, force majeure, voter fraud or technical failures of any sort. Sponsor is not responsible for errors in the administration or fulfillment of this Contest, including without limitation, mechanical, human, printing, distribution or production errors, and may modify this Contest based upon such error at its sole discretion without liability and where circumstances make this unavoidable.

Entrants represent and warrant that their Submission is their original work, it has not been copied from others, and it does not violate the rights of any other person or entity.

All entry materials become the property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. The copyright in any Submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry in this Contest constitutes entrant’s irrevocable, perpetual permission and consent to Sponsor and others authorized by Sponsor, without further compensation or attribution, to use, reproduce, print, publish, transmit, communicate to the public, distribute, sell, perform, adapt, enhance or display the Submission and the entrant’s name and city and state for editorial, advertising, commercial and publicity purposes, in any
and all media now in existence or hereinafter created, throughout the world, for the duration of the copyright in the Submission. The entrant also consents to the Sponsor doing (or omitting to do) any acts in respect of the Submission which may otherwise constitute an infringement of the entrant’s moral rights. Sponsor and/or others authorized by the Sponsor shall have the right to edit, adapt, and modify the Submission. Nothing in these official rules limits, excludes or modifies or purports to limit, exclude or modify any statutory consumer guarantees or any implied condition or warranty the exclusion of which from these official rules would contravene any statute or cause any part of these official rules to be void (“Non-Excludable Guarantees”). Subject to the limitations in the preceding sentence, the Sponsor excludes from these official rules all conditions, warranties and terms implied by statute, general law or custom. Except for liability in relation to a Non-Excludable Guarantee or except in the case of death or personal injury arising from the Sponsor’s negligence, or in respect of fraud, each entrant releases and discharges the Sponsor, the judges, any party associated with the development or administration of the Contest, their employees, agents or representatives or any of their parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates from any and all liability in connection with the Contest, including without limitation, legal claims, costs, losses or damages, demand or actions of any kind.

Subject to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void in the province of Quebec, outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and where prohibited. All disputes arising or connected with the Contest shall be governed by New York law and will be resolved individually, without resort to class action exclusively in a state or federal court located in New York, NY. As permitted by law, any judgments or awards shall be limited to out of pocket damages (excluding attorneys’ fees), and shall not include any indirect, punitive or consequential damages.

The Prize is not transferable. No substitutions for the Prize except by Sponsor, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be substituted.

Except where prohibited: (i) acceptance of the Prize constitutes consent to use winner’s name, likeness, and winning entry for editorial, advertising, and publicity purposes, without further compensation; (ii) winner may be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and copyright transfer/liability/publicity/permission release. If the winner is deemed to be a minor under the jurisdiction of his/her residence, the parent or legal guardian must execute the necessary affidavit and release. Affidavits and releases must be returned within ten (10) days of attempted notification or an alternate winner may be chosen. The Sponsor collects personal information in order to conduct the Contest and may, for this purpose, disclose such information to third parties, including, but not limited to, prize suppliers. Entry is conditional on providing this information. Unless otherwise requested by an entrant, the Sponsor may also use the information for promotional, marketing and publicity purposes. Entrants should direct any request to access, update or correct information to the Sponsor.

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