

# MONTH<sup>AT</sup> THE MUSEUM

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**MORE THAN 1,500 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
FOR MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY'S MONTH AT THE MUSEUM CONTEST**  
*Pool has been narrowed to small group of semi-finalists*

**CHICAGO, IL (Thursday, August 26)** —After receiving more than 1,500 applications—coming from all over the world—Museum of Science and Industry staff has been entertained, enlightened, inspired and yes, *exhausted*, by the entries to the *Month at the Museum* contest.

In all, a selection of Museum staff judges spent hundreds of hours working to just narrow the list down to a small group of semi-finalists, and on Thursday, Aug. 26, the Museum is notifying entrants who have advanced to the next round of the competition, which will consist of phone interviews. Those who do not advance will also be notified and thanked via email by the end of the day, as well as given the opportunity to redeem a free pass for four to the Museum.

“We were truly blown away by the imagination and enthusiasm of our applicants,” said Rob Gallas, vice president of marketing for the Museum of Science and Industry. “This contest is really a first for the museum world, and we didn’t know what to expect. To get this level of participation, creativity and passion is amazing. We saw entries from all 50 states as well as Africa, Australia, Europe and even Antarctica.”

Over the next few weeks, the Museum will share some application videos with the world to show just how inventive and innovative the competition was for one spot at the Museum. MSI will post some select videos on our YouTube channel, announce the posts through Facebook and Twitter, and hand out a few special awards along the way.

But in the end, the selection process came down to much more than the videos, said Gallas. “The videos were a great visual—and we saw some amazing ingenuity and production, but we focused on the applicant’s entire application package. We wanted to know what drove them to apply; we were seeking a genuine interest in the kind of learning and transformation an experience like this could provide.”

MSI encourages all to stay tuned to help us select the winner with an online vote of finalists in late September. In the meantime, check out [monthatthemuseum.org](http://monthatthemuseum.org) to see a special video the Museum put together that provides a peek at the breadth of our amazing applicants.

## **About Month at the Museum**

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) launched its unique *Month at the Museum* search in July 2010—and the result will be the ultimate, interactive “living exhibit.” MSI will pick one curious, adventuresome individual to live at the largest science center in the Western Hemisphere 24/7 for 30 days this fall—from Oct. 18 through Nov. 20, 2010. He or she will have total behind-the-scenes access to MSI, share his or her experience with the world online, and take home \$10,000 and a once-in-a-lifetime experience! For more information, visit [monthatthemuseum.org](http://monthatthemuseum.org).

**The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI)** offers thousands of fun and interactive exhibits and one-of-a-kind, world-class experiences to inspire the inventive genius in everyone. Through its Center for the Advancement of Science Education, MSI also aspires to a larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. Come visit and find *your* inspiration! MSI is open every day except December 25, and summer hours are 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. The Museum is supported in part through the generosity of the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, find MSI online at [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org) or call (773) 684-1414 or (800) GO-TO-MSI outside of the Chicago area.

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