



HGTV Design Star Season 7  
**PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

PLEASE READ THE HGTV DESIGN STAR OFFICIAL RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOUND ON HGTV.COM/DESIGNSTAR BEFORE COMPLETING THIS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION. The HGTV Design Star Official Rules/Eligibility Requirements contain important instructions regarding the submission guidelines for your application package. Please remember that any response provided by you as an applicant is subject to verification.

Completed application packages must be received by October 10, 2011 in order for your application to be considered for HGTV Design Star (Season 7). HGTV reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to consider any applications received after October 10, 2011, but there is no assurance whatsoever that any such application received after such date will be considered for HGTV Design Star (Season 7). HGTV will not be able to acknowledge receipt of your application.

HGTV Design Star does not allow two-person design teams.

If you are under consideration as a potential finalist, you will be asked to travel on short notice.

There are three ways to apply to HGTV DESIGN STAR. All participants must provide the following documents and materials when submitting your Participant Application. Failure to do so will result in delaying the processing of your Participant Application and/or may result in eliminating you from further consideration. No materials will be returned. Participants will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with their application for any option of entry set forth below.

**Option 1: Attend a HGTV DESIGN STAR open casting call** (for dates and locations of casting calls, visit [www.castingdesignstar.com](http://www.castingdesignstar.com)) and bring a completed participant application, two (2) recent photographs of you, each clearly labeled on the back with your name clearly printed, a **minimum of three (3)** samples of your design work (clearly visible copies of pages from your portfolio or a website) and, one (1) legible photocopy of EITHER (1) your passport; OR (2) your driver's license OR (3) your state ID card.

**Option 2: Upload your 5-minute video to [hgtv.com/designstar](http://hgtv.com/designstar)** and then e-mail [designstar7application@gmail.com](mailto:designstar7application@gmail.com) with a completed participant application as a PDF document, along with your two (2) photographs of you, clearly labeled with your name. Example: firstlast1, firstlast2, and three (3) examples of your work or a link to your website, clearly labeled if attached, and one (1) legible photocopy of EITHER (1) your passport; OR (2) your driver's license; OR (3) your state ID card, clearly labeled. Please take a look at the Home Video Tips and Suggestions on page 16.

**Option 3: Mail in your 5-minute (DVD or mini DV tape)**, (please take a look at the Home Video Tips and Suggestions on page 16) and a completed participant application, two (2) recent photographs of you, each clearly labeled on the back with your name clearly printed, three (3) samples of your design work (clearly visible copies of pages from your portfolio or a website) and one (1) legible photocopy of EITHER (1) your passport; OR (2) your driver's license; OR (3) your state ID card to:

HGTV DESIGN STAR  
Scripps Networks, LLC  
5757 Wilshire Blvd. Ste. 220  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Today's Date:**

Full Name:		Gender (Circle One)	
		Male	Female
Nickname/Preferred Name/Professional name (if different):			
Home Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Are You At Least 21 Years of Age?			
Cell #:	Work #:	Home #:	Fax #:

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Personal Email (s):	Work Email:
Please list all personal <u>and</u> business websites (Facebook, MySpace, blogs, etc.):	
Hometown (where you consider 'where you are from'—explain if different from your current residence)	
Are you employed:  <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain):	If employed, current occupation and job description:
If employed, current Employer's name, address and phone number:	
Previous jobs (design related or non-design related):	
Describe your family & living situation. With whom do you live? If you have children, how old are they? Do they live with you full-time or part-time? Do you have step children?	

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<p>What is your highest level of education? _____ <u>H.S.</u> Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____</p> <p><u>College</u> Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____</p> <p><u>Advanced Degrees</u> Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____</p> <p><u>GED:</u>            YES            NO</p>
<p>List any organizations or clubs you belong to:</p>   
<p>Would you be available to leave home for up to 8 weeks, and have little to no contact with your home and business, from approximately mid-January through mid-March 2012?</p> <p>                         YES            NO</p> <p>If no, please explain: _____</p>
<p>Are you a United States citizen? _____</p> <p>If no, are you a resident alien living in the United States who can document that you currently have a legal right to live and work in the United States? _____</p>
<p>How did you hear about our HGTV Design Star <b>Casting Call</b>?</p> <p>HGTV on-air promo _____ HGTV Website _____ Other (please explain and be specific) _____</p>
<p>How much of <i>Design Star</i> have you seen?</p> <p>_____ None                            _____ A few episodes here and there</p> <p>_____ A full season                    _____ Never missed an episode</p> <p>Which seasons or episodes do you remember the most?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>If you've watched any or all of the previous <i>Design Star</i> seasons, which contestants do you most relate to? Why?</p>   

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**YOUR DESIGN BACKGROUND**

How did you get started in Design? What is your earliest memory of wanting to Design?

Please list and describe your formal Design training:

Please list all of your Design experience in detail (jobs, number and type of homes/spaces you have designed, etc.):

Why should you have your own HGTV series? What qualities and skills do you bring to HGTV that no one else does?

What is your unique Design point of view? What perspective do you have on Design that sets you apart from others?

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If you could choose one person (dead or alive) to design a room for, who would that person be, and why would you want to design for them? What would that room be like?

What are your 3 favorite Design styles and why?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How would you describe your personal Design style, in one sentence? What is your “signature look?”

What are your top 5 unique Design tips that you would like others to know?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What excites you the most about Design and why?

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What do you like the least about Design work and why?

Who or what is your greatest Design influence and why?

Which of your Design project(s) are you most proud of and why?

How do you approach a Design project? Describe your process.

When it comes to Design, what do you think is your greatest skill and why?

What do you wish you were better at, Design-wise, and why?

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What are your favorite retail stores and what do you like about them?
How often do you shop at flea markets or antique stores, and for what?
Do you shop at trade-only designer showrooms? If so, for what elements?
What is your experience working in outdoor spaces?

**SPECIFIC SKILLS**

Please rate yourself on a scale from 0 to 5 (0 being totally unskilled and inexperienced, 5 being expert) in the following areas, and give details:

Basic and Decorative Painting :	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details:	_____					
Creating Artwork:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details:	_____					
Carpentry/Basic Tool Use:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details:	_____					
Power Tools:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details:	_____					

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Sewing and Draping:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Upholstery:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Custom Furniture Making:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Wallpapering:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Woodwork and Refinishing:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Floral/Greenery:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Styling & Accessorizing:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Window Treatment Execution:	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						
Masonry and Tile Work :	0	1	2	3	4	5
Details: _____						



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**MORE ABOUT YOU**

Have you previously appeared on TV or Film? List all TV/Film appearances:

Are you, or have you ever been, a member of the television film unions SAG or AFTRA?

YES                      NO

If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have you ever been, under contract to a talent agent or manager?

YES                      NO

If yes, please give details. Include name, address, telephone number and details:

Describe your personality as accurately and truthfully as you can. How would your friends describe you?  
How would your toughest critics describe you?

How would you describe your collaborative skills? Do you consider yourself a leader, a follower, or somewhere in between, and why?

How would you describe your time management skills?

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What do you like *most* about yourself? What do you like *least*?

What do you like to do for fun?

Please describe any special interests, hobbies, group affiliations or other talents we should know about.

What is your greatest personal accomplishment?

How do you handle confrontation?

Tell us about a work problem that you had and how you dealt with it.

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Please describe the most stressful time in your life and how you reacted to it.

What is your primary motivation for being on the show? What is your secondary motivation?

What do you think makes you a star? What is your number one star quality?

Do you speak any languages fluently? If so, which?

What is your guilty pleasure?

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Do you have any mental or physical conditions or have you had any surgery that could interfere with your participation on the show? If so, please explain in detail:

Have you ever been party to a civil lawsuit? If so, please describe when and where the event occurred, the nature of the case and what the outcome was:

Have you ever had a temporary or permanent restraining order placed against you or has anyone tried to obtain a temporary or permanent restraining order against you? If yes, please provide details, including, without limitation, date(s), place(s), name(s) of the party seeking temporary or permanent restraining order. State whether such temporary or permanent restraining order was issued and the basis upon which it was issued:

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I acknowledge that all the information provided on this Participant Application is true and accurate, and any false or misleading information submitted herein is grounds for my immediate elimination from consideration. This Participant Application and any other material submitted by me, including, but not limited to, pictures, film, and videotapes, becomes the property of HGTV, shall not be returned, and may be used in any manner in all media, worldwide, in perpetuity. I further understand that by submitting this Participant Application, HGTV has no obligation to accept me and my selection and participation in “HGTV Design Star” is in no way guaranteed, as submission of a Participant Application is merely for the purpose of evaluating potential participants. I acknowledge and agree that HGTV reserves the right to use this Participant Application and any materials I submit in connection therewith to evaluate me as a possible host for programs other than “HGTV Design Star” (“Other Programs”), and to share all such materials with HGTV’s sister networks (Food Network, Cooking Channel, Travel Channel, DIY Network, and Great American Country (GAC)) for similar evaluation. Neither HGTV nor its sister networks is under any obligation to consider me as talent for Other Programs and any such agreement regarding services to be provided with respect to the same shall be subject to separate good faith negotiations between the applicable parties. I acknowledge that I have read and fulfill the eligibility requirements.

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: In order to complete your Participant Application, please fill out the Release and Waiver found below and mail or deliver it with your materials.

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## RELEASE AND WAIVER

I, (Print Your Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that: (i) I understand, satisfy, and agree to be bound by, the HGTV Design Star Official Rules and Eligibility Requirements for HGTV DESIGN STAR (the "Program") and the instructions of Scripps Networks, LLC d/b/a HGTV ("HGTV"), its employees, the producer of the Program ("Producer"), and consultants; (ii) I have answered and will answer all questions posed to me in connection with my Participant Application to appear on the Program honestly and accurately; (iii) if any of the information that I have provided or will provide is found to be false or incomplete, it will be grounds for dismissal from the Program selection process and from participation in the Program, at any time by HGTV and/or Producer; (iv) neither HGTV nor Producer has an obligation to interview me or select me as a participant in the Program; (v) if HGTV cancels the Program or elects not to tape the Program, neither HGTV, Producer, nor any third party will have any obligation to me; (vi) HGTV shall have no obligation to air the Program; (vii) all decisions concerning the selection of the participants and all aspects of the Program (including, but not limited to, any judging and/or voting in conjunction with the Program or any aspect related thereto) shall be in the sole discretion of HGTV and/or Producer, are final, and not subject to challenge or appeal. By submitting my Participant Application, I hereby consent to the recording, use, and reuse by HGTV, Producer, and/or any of their respective licensees, assigns, parents, agents, subsidiaries, affiliated or related entities (the "Releasees") of my name, voice, likeness, silhouette, performance, personality, and biographical material (collectively, "Likeness") in any and all media whether now known or hereafter devised, in whole or in part, throughout the universe, in perpetuity, in any and all languages. I agree that the Releasees may use all or any part of my Likeness and may alter or modify it. I agree that the Releasees shall exclusively own any Participant Application materials (videos, photographs, etc.) that I may have provided in connection with my Participant Application or for participation in the Program and any photos and video or recordings of any kind that HGTV and/or Producer will make of me in connection with the Program and my Participant Application (collectively, the "Materials") and all rights therein and thereto including, without limitation, the right to use the Materials and my Likeness in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, in whole or in part, throughout the universe, in perpetuity, in any and all languages. I agree that the Releasees may use my Likeness and the Materials in connection with any promotion, publicity, marketing, or advertisement or any exploitation of any kind. I further agree that HGTV reserves the right to use the Participant Application and all materials submitted in connection therewith to evaluate me as a possible host for programs other than the Program ("Other Programs"), and to share all such materials with HGTV's sister networks (Food Network, Cooking Channel, Travel Channel, DIY Network, and Great American Country (GAC)) for similar evaluation. Neither HGTV nor its sister networks is under any obligation to consider me as talent for Other Programs and any such agreement regarding services to be provided with respect to the same shall be subject to separate good faith negotiations between the applicable parties. I grant the rights hereunder whether or not I am selected to participate in the Program in any manner whatsoever. I release the Releasees from any and all liability arising out of their use of my Likeness and/or the Materials. I understand that activities and events arranged by HGTV and/or the Producer (including, but not limited to use of hammers, saws, ladders, and other equipment and materials used in a room makeover) may expose me and others to the risk of serious injury, illness, disease, property damage, and/or death. I understand that neither HGTV nor Producer conduct any medical tests on applicants for the Program, including tests for sexually transmitted diseases. I release the Releasees from any and all liability arising out of any disease I may contract, including sexually transmitted diseases. I understand that if I have sexual involvement and intimate contact with another applicant during taping of the Program, HGTV, in its sole and absolute discretion, may (i) eliminate me from the competition and terminate my involvement with the Program, or (ii) impose any sanctions or take such action as HGTV deems appropriate. In the event I participate in such activities, I understand and willingly agree to assume all such risks, both known and unknown, that may arise in connection with my participation in the selection process for and/or participation in the Program. I further acknowledge that neither HGTV, nor Producer, nor any third party shall provide or be obligated to furnish any type of insurance coverage to me in connection with the selection process and/or participation in the Program. I agree not to make any claim against the Releasees as a result of the recording or use of my Likeness and/or the Materials (including, without limitation, any claim that such use invades any right of privacy, publicity, personal and/or civil rights, any claims based on defamation or libel or false light; any claims based on intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, copyright infringement, and/or any tort and/or damages arising from or related to the submission of a Participant Application, participation in the selection process, participation in the Program,



use of the Materials and/or my Likeness). Without limiting the foregoing in any way, to the degree that the Materials include any musical or literary compositions in which I (partially or wholly) own, or to which I purport to (partially or wholly) own, the copyright or any publishing rights, I hereby grant to HGTV, and I have the complete, unfettered right to grant to HGTV, an irrevocable, unlimited, perpetual, worldwide, royalty and payment-free license to use, reproduce, distribute, display, perform, adapt, and otherwise exploit such Materials, in whole or in part, and in connection with any promotion, publicity, marketing, or advertisement or any exploitation of any kind, in any and all media now known or which may exist in the future in any and all languages. I understand that neither HGTV, Producer, nor any third party makes any representation that such Materials will or will not be used in any way.

I agree that any dispute between me and any of the Releases in any way arising out of or related to this agreement, the Program, or any claim by me of any kind against the Releases as well as any dispute as to the arbitrability of any such controversy or claim, shall be resolved solely by mandatory arbitration (“Arbitration”) between us. In this regard, I further agree and acknowledge that:

A. Arbitration shall be final and binding on the parties, and that judgment thereon may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction;

B. Any Arbitration pursuant to this agreement shall be conducted in New York, New York before a single arbitrator (“Arbitrator”) familiar with the television industry and pursuant to the American Arbitration Association’s (“AAA”) commercial arbitration rules and applying New York law;

C. I and the Releases are waiving their right to seek remedies in court, including the right to a jury trial;

D. If it is determined by the Arbitrator that any of the Releases is financially liable to me in connection with the Program, the Materials or my Likeness, or any part thereof, or other materials submitted to HGTV, including, but not limited to, copyright or trademark rights, or is otherwise liable to me for any other reason, I agree that the sole remedy that can be awarded in any Arbitration against the Releases shall be a monetary award in the amount that HGTV has paid for a similar use of comparable materials or performance, or liability (or, if HGTV has not previously paid for similar use or in a similar instance, an amount equal to a standard fee in the cable television industry for such material or performance, or for similar liability), and I expressly waive any right to any other form of relief, including but not limited to injunctive relief of any kind whatsoever, any form of punitive damages and/or any alternate calculation of damages;

E. The prevailing party in any Arbitration pursuant to this agreement will be entitled to recover its costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable outside attorneys’ fees and experts’ fees, which may be incurred in connection with such Arbitration; and

F. By signing this agreement I acknowledge that I am agreeing in advance to arbitrate any controversies or claims which may arise with the Releases.

G. I further agree that the Arbitration proceedings, testimony, discovery and documents filed in the course of such proceedings, including the fact that the Arbitration is being conducted, will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed by me to any third party.

This agreement, including but not limited to the mandatory arbitration provision, shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, representatives, assigns, and licensees. HGTV or Producer may assign this agreement to any of its parent, subsidiary, affiliated, or related companies.

I hereby agree that I have read and understand this agreement and that no oral representations of any kind have been made to me, and that this agreement and the provisions of the HGTV Design Star Official Rules and Eligibility Requirements state our entire understanding with reference to the subject matter hereof. Any modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this agreement must be in writing and signed by both of us. Should any provision or part of any provision be void or unenforceable, such provision or part thereof shall be deemed omitted, and this agreement with such provision or part thereof omitted, shall remain in full force and effect. This agreement shall at all times be construed so as to carry out the purpose hereof.

I have signed this release on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_



### **HGTV DESIGN STAR HOME VIDEO TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS**

1. **Please show us your personality.** This is the key to having a great tape. - have fun with it. **Remember, you only have 5 minutes.** Don't make the tape any longer than that. We want to see your personality from the moment the tape starts rolling.
2. Introduce yourself (name, age, hometown, etc.).
3. Talk about your design background (How long have you been a designer? How'd you get started? What are other fields you've worked in? What inspired you? Schooling?)
4. Sum up your design style in one sentence and elaborate what it means to you.
5. What do you love about designing? Why is it your passion?
6. Show us and talk about one or more of your favorite designs. Tell us how it represents you.
7. Tell us why you want to be on HGTV Design Star and why you think you will win.
8. **Show us a part of your life.** Introduce us to your home, your family, your workplace, a favorite project, something important in your life. We want some insight into your life!
9. Please only submit on mini DV or DVD & **MAKE SURE YOU CHECK TO BE SURE YOUR FINISHED DVD PLAYS IN YOUR DVD PLAYER.** Sometimes even when it plays on the computer, it won't play in a DVD player.

#### **Suggestions for shooting a quality video:**

- **DISTANCE:** try not to be more than 10 feet from the camera, as the sound will be too faint.
- Do not chew gum or have candy in your mouth.
- Close the blinds, shades, etc. and turn on the lights. Make sure the room and your face are well lit.
- Do not sit in front of a window or lamp, as this will create a silhouette.
- Turn off the TV, radio, music, air conditioning, ceiling fans or heating units—anything that creates background noise.
- Be sure no photographs or other artwork is in the background of your shots.
- Do not wear clothing with any visible trademarks, logos or other copyrighted material that you don't have the rights to. Dress / look like the best possible representation of yourself.
- **Have fun!** Emotions – both happy and sad – make for a compelling tape.
- Have someone other than yourself run the camera. Make sure it's someone with whom you feel very comfortable and who knows how to operate a video camera. Do a test run and make sure you are recording clear video AND audio!





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I agree to hold harmless and indemnify SCRIPPS, its licensees and assigns from all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, liabilities of any kind, and reasonable attorneys' fees which may arise out of or in connection with the making and/or use of the Recordings, specifying that SCRIPPS shall not use the Recordings in any manner that is embarrassing, detrimental or disparaging to me as shown in the Recordings.

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Items covered by this Materials Release: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Agreed to and Accepted:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_