



HGTV Design Star Official Rules and Eligibility Requirements -- Designers

All applicants must sign statements acknowledging that they have read, understand, and will comply with all of the following eligibility requirements ("Eligibility") of the "HGTV Design Star" program (the "Program") in order to proceed with the application process:

1. Employees, officers, directors, and agents of Home & Garden Television ("HGTV"), Scripps Networks, LLC, the producer of the Program ("Producer" or "Producers"), and their respective affiliates, related entities, subsidiaries, divisions, parent corporations, and joint venture partners (collectively, the "Released Parties"), all Program advertising, promotional, and judging agencies, Program broadcasters and distributors, and all other companies associated with the production, administration, and/or exhibition of the Program and/or any of their respective licensees, assigns, parents, affiliated, and subsidiary companies, divisions, and joint ventures as well as (a) the immediate family (spouse, ex-spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, daughter or son, step-parents, step-children, step-siblings, regardless of where they live), and (b) members of the same households (whether related or not) of such employees, officers, directors, and agents, are not eligible to be the winner of "HGTV Design Star" or to participate in this application process. In addition, any applicant closely acquainted with any person connected with the production or administration or exhibition of the Program is not eligible if, in HGTV's sole discretion, the person's participation could create the appearance of impropriety.
2. All applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age (or the age of majority in their state of residence) at the time of application.
3. Applicants may not presently be a candidate for any type of political office ("Candidate") and may not become a Candidate from the time the application is submitted until one (1) year after the first broadcast of the last episode of the Program in which they may appear.
4. Applicants will be ineligible if, at any time, they have been the host of a nationally televised design and/or design-related program (unless written documentation is provided releasing them from any contract or other obligation to such program).
5. All applicants must be United States citizens or resident aliens living in the United States with a legal right to live and work in the United States.
6. All applicants must be in good physical and mental health. HGTV may also in its discretion require applicants to undergo medical or psychological evaluation as part of the casting process.
7. By applying for participation in the Program, you authorize HGTV to conduct civil, family court, criminal, financial, driver history, and any other type of background check deemed necessary by HGTV. HGTV reserves the right, at any time, to disqualify any applicant from further consideration and/or participation in the Program based on the results of such background check in HGTV's sole discretion.
8. There are three (3) ways to apply to the Program:

Option 1: Attend a HGTV DESIGN STAR open casting call (for dates and locations of casting calls, visit 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, 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 and then e-mail designstar7application@gmail.com with a completed participant application as a PDF document, along with your two (2) recent photographs of you, clearly labeled with your name. ex.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 Video Tips and Suggestions on page 9 of the participant application.

Option 3: Mail in your 5-minute DVD or mini DV tape, (please take a look at the Video Tips and Suggestions on page 16 of the participant application) 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. Suite 220
Los Angeles, CA 90036

9. For any option of entry selected by an applicant, applicant will be required to submit a (i) completed participant application, (ii) two (2) recent photographs, each clearly labeled on the back with applicant's name, (iii) three (3) samples of applicant's design work as set forth in #8 above, and (iv) one (1) legible photocopy of EITHER applicant's passport, OR applicant's driver's license, OR applicant's state ID card. For applicants selecting options 2 or 3 in #8 above, Video Tips and Suggestions for videos submitted are attached to the participant application. Participant will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with their application for any option of entry set forth above.

10. In order for your application to be considered for HGTV Design Star (Season VII), your application must be received by October 10, 2011. 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 VII). HGTV will not be able to acknowledge receipt of your application.

11. No applications (including all materials submitted in connection with each application or submitted as supplemental materials requested by HGTV and/or Producer) will be returned and the applications and all such materials will become the property of HGTV, which shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the applications in any manner throughout the universe in perpetuity, as set forth in greater detail in the Release and Waiver. HGTV specifically reserves the right to use the applications and all materials submitted in connection therewith to evaluate applicants as possible hosts 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 any applicant 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.

12. Applicants may not enter in pairs or teams; they may only enter as individuals.

13. From among all the completed applications HGTV receives, staff and consultants of HGTV and the Producer will evaluate each application on a number of subjective factors, all of which have the aim of determining which applicants have what it takes to be an HGTV on-air personality. We will be looking at



personality, style, presence, ability to talk about design and decorating, ability to design and decorate, knowledge of design and decorating, experience in design and decorating, and overall performance among other related factors.

14. In order to be selected as a potential final contestant in the Program (collectively, the “Finalists”, and each individually a “Finalist”), you must be willing travel to (i) a location or locations to be determined by HGTV for a 6-8 week period between approximately January 15, 2012 through March 31, 2012 (all dates subject to change in HGTV’s sole discretion) for the taping of the Program (at HGTV’s expense); (ii) selected locations on selected dates for a media tour in connection with the Program’s premiere and promotion of the Program. HGTV will furnish Finalists with economy class air transportation, overnight accommodations (which may involve one of more Finalists sharing living quarters) and/or standard class hotel accommodations (room rate and tax only) as determined by HGTV or Producer, and a per diem while traveling for the Program. Applicants who will not be available for all dates requested by HGTV will be disqualified.

15. Finalists will travel to various locations to participate in a design-based reality competition testing their performance, personality, level of skill, knowledge of design and decorating, and their general ability to be an HGTV television designer and/or host. These challenges will entail long days (e.g., 10 to 12 hours or more) in front of television cameras and footage taped may be used in connection with the Program or any promotions related to the Program. At all times when the Finalists are on location, the Finalists will be subject to the instructions, directives, and schedules dictated by HGTV or Producer; non-compliance with such instructions, directives, and schedules may result in disqualification.

16. All applicants acknowledge and agree that if they are selected as a Finalist, they will be required to enter into a release and agreement with HGTV that will (i) render applicant exclusive to HGTV for a pre-determined period of time (meaning that applicant would not, among other limitations, be able to appear in programs in any media, make public appearances, publish a design related book, or be associated in any manner with any commercial, advertisement, and/or endorsement without HGTV’s express written permission in each circumstance); and (ii) give HGTV the option, at HGTV’s sole election, to exercise the right to have applicant appear as a host, co-host, or contributor to HGTV programming or use applicant’s name, image, and/or likeness in HGTV programming or in merchandising or in other ancillary media (including a design related book at a rate of compensation and in accordance with such terms and conditions that shall be determined by HGTV in its sole discretion). Each Finalist will be required to execute a Finalist Agreement as a condition to appear in the Program. The selection of the winner of the competition shall be on terms and conditions to be determined by HGTV in its sole discretion.

17. Applicants will be ineligible if, as of October 9, 2011, they have any type of contract for talent representation (for example, a talent agent or manager), an acting contract, a television hosting contract, a merchandising agreement, or any other contractual arrangement that would prohibit applicant from entering into a talent contract, management contract and/or merchandising contract with HGTV. If you are selected as a Finalist, you will be required to provide evidence in a form that is satisfactory to HGTV in its sole discretion that any such agreements or contracts will not prohibit or limit in any way a Finalist’s obligations to HGTV, as set forth herein, and in accordance with such other directives of HGTV.

18. All applicants understand and acknowledge that participation in the Program, including, without limitation, the activities and events arranged by the Program coordinator and/or Producers (including, but not limited to, use of hammers, saws, ladders, and other equipment and materials used in a room makeover) may expose applicant and other participants to the risk of death, serious injury, illness,



disease, and/or property damage. Applicants must be willing and able to participate in physical activities related to working and performing in design challenges (including, but not limited to, use of hammers, saws, ladders, and other equipment and materials used in a room makeover), on location, on television sets, and the like. Applicants must sign a Release and Waiver attesting to the fact that the applicant understands and knowingly and willingly agrees to assume such risks. Applicants understand that by submitting the participant application (the "Participant Application"), applicants acknowledge that they accept and assume all risks known or unknown of any nature (including, without limitation, the foregoing) that may arise in any way from or relate to applicant's participation in the selection process for and/or participation in the Program. The releases contained herein shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements of this nature.

19. Each applicant acknowledges, understands, and agrees that HGTV and/or Producer may disclose any information contained within or derived from his or her Participant Application to third persons connected with the Program and to compile information from third parties in connection with such Participant Application and the application process about applicant's background, personal views, and opinions about life, design, television, the media, and the like (collectively, "Personal Information"). Applicant acknowledges and agrees that HGTV and/or Producer may reveal such Personal Information to third parties in the course of the application process and/or the Program and that applicant releases, discharges, and holds harmless the Released Parties (as defined above) from any and all claims and damages arising from such compilation or disclosure of Personal Information.

20. Each applicant acknowledges, understands, and agrees that he or she, if chosen as one of the Finalists, may be audio and/or video taped (the "Recordings") by the Producer at all hours of the day while participating in the Program at the Producer's discretion with reasonable notification and that such Recordings may be disseminated on television and/or any other media now known or hereafter devised, in any and all manner throughout the Universe in perpetuity without payment of any additional consideration to Finalist.

21. Each applicant agrees to release, discharge, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all claims (including, without limitation, claims for slander, libel, defamation, violation of rights of privacy, publicity, personality, and/or civil rights, depiction in a false light, intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, copyright infringement, and/or any other tort and/or damages arising from or in any way relating to the submission of a Participant Application, participation in the selection process, participation in the Program, the use of the Personal Information or Recordings, and/or the use of the applicant's name, voice, and/or likeness in connection with the Program, or the promotion thereof in all media now known or hereafter devised. Applicants are required to sign a Release and Waiver to this effect.

22. Each applicant acknowledges and agrees that he or she is not and will under no circumstances as a result of the submission of a Participant Application, participation in the selection process, participation in the Program, the use of the Personal Information or Recordings, and/or the use of the applicant's name, voice, and/or likeness in connection with the Program, the promotion thereof in all media now known or hereafter devised or for any other reason in connection with his or her application and/or participation in the Program, become an employee or an independent contractor of the Producer and/or Released Parties and will not make any claims against Producer and/or Released Parties, including, without limitation, claims for compensation or benefits, derived from any allegation of status as an employee. Each applicant acknowledges and agrees that his or her relationship to Producer and/or Released Parties is and shall be limited solely to that of a grantor of rights. None of the Released Parties shall furnish or provide insurance coverage of any nature to applicant in connection with the selection process or participation in the Program.



23. Any applicant who has appeared on or is involved with any television program or other media must disclose such information in his or her application and may, at HGTV's sole discretion, be deemed ineligible to participate in the Program. If any applicant is currently being considered as a contestant and/or participant in a television show, he/she must withdraw his/her application from such show upon HGTV's request.

24. All applicants who are selected as Finalists or potential alternates must complete and timely return the "HGTV Design Star Participant Application," which may include, among other documents: a Background Check Questionnaire; Release and Waiver; Confidentiality Agreement; and Finalist Agreement (all forms will be furnished to the Finalists). By signing these documents, each Finalist will agree to assume the risk of any and all injury, illness, damage, loss, or harm to Finalist's person or property of any kind, howsoever caused, arising from or relating to the submission of a Participant Application, the selection of Finalist, and/or Finalists' participation in the Program, and/or the production and/or exploitation of the Program. We reserve the right to ask any additional needed questions.

25. All applicants who are selected as Finalists will be required to meet all physical and psychological requirements, as determined by HGTV in its sole discretion. Applicant understands and agrees that sexual involvement and intimate contact with another applicant during the taping of the Program are expressly prohibited. HGTV reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, (i) to eliminate from the competition and terminate the involvement in the Program of any applicant HGTV believes violates the foregoing prohibition, or (ii) impose any sanction or take any such action as HGTV determines appropriate. Neither HGTV nor Producer conduct any medical tests on applicants, including tests for sexually transmitted diseases. The risk of contracting any sexually transmitted disease and all consequences of engaging in sexual activity are among the matters released pursuant to the Release and Waiver.

26. Finalists shall treat all information and materials received or acquired by the Released Parties, the selection process and/or the Program, as strictly confidential and shall not disclose or otherwise disseminate any such information to any third party. Finalists must sign a Confidentiality Agreement in the form presented by HGTV.

27. Upon HGTV's request, all Finalists and the winner must agree to sign any additional releases or authorizations that HGTV, in its sole discretion, deems necessary.

28. The Design Star winner and Design Star Finalists must report and be available to participate in the Program at all times and places as HGTV or Producer shall designate.

29. All decisions related to the selection of the Finalists, the Design Star winner, the winners of the challenges in the Program, the judging of the various challenges in the Program (including all aspects of any voting processes), the application evaluation, and eligibility requirements shall be determined solely by HGTV and/or the Producer, are not appealable, and are subject to change at HGTV's sole discretion. At any time HGTV reserves the right to disqualify an applicant, to modify these rules and requirements or any aspect of the Program as it deems necessary, and to cancel the production and development of the Program or any programming contemplated hereunder. HGTV is under no obligation to exploit the Program in any media. HGTV reserves the right to select prospective participants and Finalists and to receive application materials at open casting calls, casting sessions, or through any other manner as determined by HGTV in its sole discretion.



30. Applicant shall not have any right to seek any injunctive or equitable relief whatsoever against the Program, the Released Parties (expressly including HGTV and Producer), or in connection with any other production of the Released Parties (expressly including HGTV and Producer).

I acknowledge I have received, read and understood the foregoing rules and eligibility requirements. I acknowledge and agree to all terms herein and agree to adhere to and obey the foregoing as they now stand or as they may be changed, amended or supplemented by HGTV or Producer in their sole discretion. I understand and agree that my participation in the Program is subject to these rules and requirements as well as the provisions of various other agreements, including without limitation the Release and Waiver.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____