



How to Create a Petition

**So you see a problem in your community and want to fix it.
That's awesome!**

No matter what kind of petition you want to create, here are a few important things to keep in mind, as well as some simple steps to follow when you're using these U-S-Yay! Petition Templates.

To Use the Petition Forms:

Note: These forms can be printed and you can hand-write the information, or you can use the text fields built into the forms to type your petition's information. No matter which way you choose to fill out your form, consider the following tips:

- 1) Choose the best template for your purpose. (E.g. school, general public interest, or official government petition)
- 2) Be sure to fill out every field with the appropriate information, including what authority you are addressing
 - a. School and principal's name
 - b. The name of the government entity (e.g. your city or state's name), plus the correct representative (e.g. Governor, State Representative, U.S. Representative)
- 3) Clearly state the problem you want to address, as well as how your petition will address and/or solve the problem.
- 4) Print enough pages to allow for your signature goal. (Not sure how many signatures you need? Check with the governing agency about their petition requirements, or ask a teacher.)
- 5) Practice your pitch. You want to convince people to sign your petition, so be sure to practice telling people about your petition and why they should sign it.
- 6) Be brave, and patient. We're so proud that you're taking action and trying to make change in your community. Now, remember: it'll take patience and courage to stand up for what you believe in, so even if some people say no, keep going... it'll be worth the work!

