



# Yesterday's Tomorrows and The Smithsonian Institution Come to Virginia!

## An Open Invitation to Apply

So, it's the 21st century already! Where are our George Jetson space crafts? And our personal robots? Will there ever be a real "Time Machine?" What did the future look like for our grandparents and parents? What does it hold for us? For our children?

*Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future* is a traveling exhibition that explores the history of the future--our expectations and beliefs about things to come. From ray guns to robots, to nuclear powered cars, to the Atom-Bomb house, to predictions and inventions that went awry, *Yesterday's Tomorrows* helps us understand the values and hopes Americans hold and have held about the years to come.

**Eligible Sites:** VAM member museums, historic houses, historical societies, and libraries in communities of fewer than 20,000 residents. Any host site must demonstrate the physical capacity to host the exhibition, requiring 500 square feet of space.

**All chosen sites receive from the Virginia Association of Museums and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities:**

- Rental of the exhibition for \$200 for a period of 6 weeks (10% of per site exhibit fee)
- Free shipping for the exhibition
- An exhibit support manual covering installation, object collection and conservation, public relations and evaluation
- Assistance in program planning and ready-made publicity material such as PSAs and brochures
- Travel expenses for project director to attend two state-wide pre-exhibit workshops
- Travel expenses and registration for the VAM 2002 Annual Conference
- Up to \$1000 in grant funds in support of programming efforts related to this exhibition

**In return, all sites must provide:**

- A staff member or volunteer who will serve as the project's director, and attend ALL planning meetings as well as the 2002 conference
- Supplemental programming and activities surrounding the exhibition's stay in your community
- Tracking of all volunteer and staff time, as well as other resources donated to the project
- Project evaluation results at the close of the exhibition run

# Yesterday's Tomorrows Hosting Site Application

## Part I

*Tell us about your institution.*

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Permanent Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ FT \_\_\_\_\_ PT

Number of Regular Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Visitation: \_\_\_\_\_

Days/Hours of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Facility:

The Yesterday's Tomorrows exhibit will be displayed:

- In a permanent exhibition gallery of \_\_\_\_\_ square feet
- In a classroom or meeting space converted to exhibition space
- In another area not currently used for museum activities

Please check whether your site has any or all of the following:

- Humidity Controls
- Temperature Controls
- Lockable entryways
- Security Alarm/Security Guard

Has your site hosted any other traveling exhibition in the past five years?  yes  no

If yes, please list exhibition and source:

Has your site put up any exhibition from its own collections in the past five years?

- yes  no

## Part II

### *Tell us a bit about how you would use the Yesterday's Tomorrows exhibition*

What is your preferred date for hosting the exhibit at your site? (please indicate first and second choices)

March-April, 2003       May-June, 2003       July-August, 2003

August-September, 2003       October-November, 2003

November-December, 2003

Please share your preliminary plans for making Yesterday's Tomorrows a success in your community. You may use a separate page to respond to the two questions below.

- A. Identify some of the resources in your community (organizations, individuals, corporations, etc) that will contribute to the success of this project. List any organizations that plan to assist with the project and what their role will be.
- B. Briefly describe some of the preliminary ideas you have for community programming around the Yesterday's Tomorrows exhibition (public programs, local exhibits and activities), and how you will tie the exhibition to the collections or history of your own site. Be creative; you will have time and assistance in developing these ideas further in the course of the planning meetings for this project.

The Virginia Association of Museums and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities will be selecting host sites based partly on geographic distribution throughout the state. All decisions will be made in January 2002, and will be formally announced at VAM's March 2002 Annual Conference. Selected sites will be notified early to allow for attendance at the conference.

***If you have any questions about this application, or the exhibit, please call Jennifer Weiskotten at VAM, 804-649-8261, or check on-line at [www.yesterdaystomorrows.org](http://www.yesterdaystomorrows.org)***

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: DECEMBER 1, 2001**