

2026 Cyber Threat Defender Card Design Contest Rules

1. No purchase is necessary to enter or win.
2. **Contest Host:** The Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) at The University of Texas at San Antonio (UT San Antonio) is the host, judge, and owner of the Cyber Threat Defender Card Design Contest (the "Contest").
3. **Eligibility:** The Cyber Threat Defender Card Design Contest is open to anyone over the age 11. Entrants between the ages 11-18 need approval to enter from a parent/guardian. The Design Contest is open worldwide and is void where prohibited by law. Employees, independent contractors and interns of the CIAS/UT San Antonio and their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, suppliers and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each are not eligible to participate in the Contest. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.
4. **Agreement to Rules:** By entering the Contest, the contestant ("You") agrees to comply with and abide by these Rules and the decisions of the CIAS/UT San Antonio, and you represent and warrant that you meet the eligibility requirements. In addition, you agree to accept the CIAS/UT San Antonio decisions as final and binding as it relates to the content of this campaign. Entrants should look solely to the CIAS/UT San Antonio with any questions, comments, or issues related to the Contest.
5. **Entry Period:** The Contest begins on 1 October 2026 and ends on 31 October 2026 (the "Entry Period"). Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. The winner will be announced shortly after the end of the Entry Period.
6. **How to Enter:** The Design Contest must be entered by submitting an entry via email to cias@utsa.edu or by mail to the CIAS. The entry must fulfill all requirements of the Contest, as specified, to be eligible to win a prize. Entries that are incomplete or do not adhere to the rules or specifications of the Contest may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the CIAS/UT San Antonio. You must provide the information requested. You may not submit multiple entries.
7. **Judging Criteria:** The CIAS educational gaming department will judge submissions and have final authority on the winning selections. Cards will be judged on three criteria: Synergy within the Cyber Threat Defender Starter Deck; Card Type Appropriateness; and a card's Rarity Appropriateness. See the Contest website for details.
8. **Rules for Submissions:** A submission to the Contest may feature one of four card types: Asset, Defense, Event, and Attack. Submissions must relate to cybersecurity, include a custom design, point value, definition of card type in the real world and rules for how the card must be played in the Cyber Threat Defender Starter Deck. Submissions must not contain any sensitive, discriminatory, sexual, or offensive content in any other way. Entrants must ensure that submissions do not infringe any copyrights or other intellectual property rights. All submissions will be reviewed by the CIAS/UT San Antonio before being published, and the CIAS/UT San Antonio has the right to modify any design entries. Failure to comply with the rules will result in the submission being rejected by the CIAS/UT San Antonio at their sole discretion.

9. **Plagiarism:** It is forbidden to copy, plagiarize, or duplicate an existing submission, trademarked image, or other reference material. The CIAS/UT San Antonio can choose to eliminate an entry in the case of a violation.

10. **Prizes:** The winner of the Contest (the "Winner") will receive the following prizes:

a. The first-place winner's design will be incorporated into a CTD Digital, which is free to download at CyberThreatDefender.com;

b. First-place Winner receives four Cyber Threat Defender Starter Decks, two CrowdStrike Booster Packs, two Booz Allen Booster Packs, two Artificial Intelligence Booster Packs, two Personnel Booster Packs, two Advanced Threat Booster Packs, two GulaTech Data Care Booster Packs, two Cyber Threat Defender game mats, and more;

c. Second-place Winner will receive two Cyber Threat Defender Starter Decks, two CrowdStrike Booster Packs, two Booz Allen Booster Packs, two Artificial Intelligence Booster Packs, two Personnel Booster Packs, two Advanced Threat Booster Packs, and two Cyber Threat Defender game mats;

d. Third-place Winner will receive two CrowdStrike Booster Packs, two Booz Allen Booster Packs, two Personnel Booster Packs, two Artificial Intelligence Booster Packs, and two Cyber Threat Defender game mats.

11. **Winner selection:** The selection and number of winners is at the sole discretion of the CIAS/UT San Antonio. It does not depend on the number of entries.

13. **Winner Selection and Notification:** The card design submissions will be determined by the CIAS/UT San Antonio. The criteria for selecting the winner are subjective and at the sole discretion of the CIAS/UT San Antonio (fun potential, elegant design, lore integration, etc.). There is no obligation to disclose the content of the deliberations. The Winner will be notified within 7 days of the winner selection. The CIAS/UT San Antonio shall have no liability for a Winner's failure to receive notices due to spam, junk e-mail or other security settings or for a Winner's provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. If the Winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim the prize within 7 days from the time award notification was sent, the prize may be forfeited. Receipt of the prize offered in this Contest by the Winner is conditioned upon compliance with any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Any violation of these official rules by the Winner at the CIAS/UT San Antonio's sole discretion will result in the Winner's disqualification as winner, and all privileges as winner will be immediately terminated.

14. **Rights Granted by the Entrant:** By entering this Contest (e.g., photo, video, text, etc.), You understand and agree that the CIAS/UT San Antonio and anyone acting on behalf of the CIAS/UT San Antonio, shall have the right, where permitted by law, to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity and throughout the World, without limitation, your entry, name, likeness, image, statements about the Campaign, and biographical information for news, publicity, information, trade, advertising, public relations, and promotional purposes without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. By entering this Contest, you represent and warrant that your entry is an original work of authorship and does not violate any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If your entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, you will be disqualified at the sole discretion of the CIAS/UT San Antonio. If the

content of your entry is claimed to constitute infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of any third party, you shall, at your sole expense, defend or settle against such claims. You shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CIAS/UT San Antonio from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense, which CIAS/UT San Antonio may incur, suffer, or be required to pay arising out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.

15. **Acceptance of Rules:** By participating in the Contest, You have affirmatively reviewed, accepted, and agreed to all of the Official Rules, Terms and Conditions.

16. For any further request, please contact: cias@utsa.edu