



# SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

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5. MediaSmarts has sole control of the content of

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6. MediaSmarts will not endorse any commercial product or service of its corporate sponsors, nor participate in support of a corporate sponsor in government or regulatory processes, other than to acknowledge the sponsor's "good citizenship" in supporting the work of MediaSmarts, if so requested.

7. MediaSmarts reserves the right to decline sponsorship from a company whose products or activities, in the view of the Board, have a negative impact on the well-being of children and young people or run counter to the mission of the organization. Application of this guideline would exclude, for example, sponsorship from manufacturers of alcohol and tobacco products.



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- All revisions, adaptations and uses of its materials and content by the sponsor must be approved in writing by MediaSmarts.
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