

Toborlife AI's Great Robot Giveaway Draws 20,000 Entries as Deadline Nears for Unitree R1 Humanoid Robot

Contest believed to be the first humanoid robot awarded through a public sweepstakes in the United States.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CO, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Toborlife AI](#), the developer of Tobor Harness robot applications and the official partner of Unitree Robotics and R1 robot distributor, today announced that entries for its Great Robot Giveaway for the [Unitree R1 Basic](#) will close August 31, 2026. The contest has drawn approximately 20,000 entries to date for a Unitree R1 Basic humanoid robot valued at \$8,990.

The winner will be selected during a live drawing on September 2, 2026, at 1:00 pm PST at Odoo 2026, America's Leading Tech and Business Event, during Toborlife AI CEO and Founder David Schulhof's speaking engagement at the conference. The drawing will be live-streamed on the Toborlife AI YouTube channel.

What the R1 Can Do

The Unitree R1 Basic is an entry point for people curious about what a humanoid robot actually looks and moves like. The robot is capable of advanced physical demonstrations including flips, dance routines, kung fu, boxing, and cartwheels, making it a strong showcase of current humanoid hardware. Beyond personal interest, owners have used similar robots as promotional draws for small businesses, trade show booth traffic, and event appearances.

"We want to give one of these away because we want more people to see what these robots can do," said David Schulhof, CEO and Founder of Toborlife AI. "Some potential winners will just have fun with it. Others will realize they are holding the key to a business or a future career."





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The giveaway exists to put humanoid robots in front of people who would never otherwise encounter one, and the growth in entries reflects how quickly public curiosity is building. Toborlife AI positions the giveaway as an on-ramp for students and career changers interested in physical AI, a field the company expects to generate substantial demand for designers, programmers, technicians and trainers.

A Past Winner Puts the Prize to Work

This round marks the first time Toborlife AI has given away a humanoid robot. The previous three contests each awarded a Unitree Go2 Pro robot dog. Entries have grown nearly sixfold since the second contest, and the current round is the largest in the giveaway's history.

That second contest produced the kind of story that keeps the company running them. The winner was a student who entered only after a friend talked him into it, and who later reprogrammed the robot to perform a backflip.

"I was in my web programming class showing a friend a video of a Go2 doing flips, and he pulled up Toborlife AI and the QR code for the giveaway. I entered for fun and never expected to win," said Ming Jin Yong, an undergraduate at the University of Southern California. "The best part has been pushing it further than I expected. We named him Dawg, put a Jetson Orin Nano on his back, and started programming him to fetch packages. I have learned more from that than from any tutorial."

Key Features of the Unitree R1 Basic:

- Dimensions: approximately 4 feet tall and 55 pounds
- Agility: 24 degrees of freedom (six per leg, two at the waist, and five per arm)
- Vision: humanoid binocular camera perception sensor
- Maintenance: supported smart Over-the-Air (OTA) upgrades
- Included accessories: remote control, battery charger, and transport case

Giveaway Details:

- Entry Period: March 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026
- The Prize: One Unitree R1 Basic, valued at \$8,990
- Eligibility: Must be a U.S. resident, age 18 or older
- Live Drawing: September 2, 2026, at 1:00 pm PST at Odoo 2026, America's Leading Tech and Business Event, during Toborlife AI CEO and Founder David Schulhof's speaking engagement at the conference and streamed on the Toborlife AI YouTube channel
- How to Enter: Participants can enter by visiting the Toborlife AI website at <https://toborlife.ai/the-great-robot-giveaway/>. Following Toborlife AI on a social media platform (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, X, or TikTok) can earn a bonus entry.

About Toborlife AI

Based in Mountain View, California. Toborlife AI is your trusted partner for integrating robotics and AI into your daily work and home life. As the official partner of Unitree Robotics and the developer of our own Tobor Harness™ Control System, we offer high-performance, cost-effective solutions backed by an unwavering commitment to your success. For more information, visit toborlife.ai.

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