



Q: When does registration open and close?

- Registration for the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention Competition opens in the ZFairs system on April 17th. Registration closes on June 1 at 11:59 PM EST.
- **REGISTRATION LINK FOR STUDENT INVENTORS:** <https://oh.zfairs.com/?f=262740bf-9850-487a-b0fc-93908b4655a8>
- **Make sure to save your username & password, so that you can return to your ZFairs registration to make edits & additions.** Registrations may be started and completed later when all items are ready for upload.

Q: How do I know when my registration is complete?

- You will receive an email from the ZFairs platform upon completion of your registration. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact info@inventionleague.org

Q: Is the event open to grades K-12?

- Yes, we welcome all Ohio students, regardless of grade. Use the registration link above to register for the competition. Check the email given in registration for important updates & emails from the Ohio Invention League program.

Q: Can we participate in a team?

- Yes, teams of 2 in K-8th and teams of 4 students in 9-12th can participate and are judged against other teams and individual inventors. All team members should register independently but will use the same code when registering in order to link their registration to the other members of their team. The first person from a team will register and receive a code. That team member should

then pass on that code to their other team members to use when they register. Team members should all register independently, and all will have access to modify the project information about their project.

Q: What if we can't all be together to shoot our presentation video?

We understand that keeping distance is important during this time, therefore, one team member may shoot the presentation video on their own on behalf of the entire team. That person will want to follow the video pitch instructions <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2020-Ohio-Invention-Convention-Printed-Video-Pitch-Rules-and-Instructions-FINAL.pdf> and should mention each team member's name at the start of the video. All team members must use the same video when they submit their own registration forms. Of course, if you have already shot a video as a team and submit that video; that is great!

Q: What does the Online Invention online competition cost?

- The Ohio Invention League provides the Ohio Invention Convention cost-free to all students in the state of Ohio.

Q: What are the video presentation requirements?

View this document to see the video presentation requirements and instructions. <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2020-Ohio-Invention-Convention-Printed-Video-Pitch-Rules-and-Instructions-FINAL.pdf>

Q: What should I wear in my video presentation?

- It is at the inventor's discretion to wear what you would like for your presentation. Remember, you are representing your invention and all your hard work, and you will want to be taken seriously. Think about what that means to you and do your best to look nice for the judges.

Q: Can I use a script to talk about my invention?

- While you may use notecards or a script to discuss your invention through prompts in your video presentation, a full script is highly discouraged, as your notecards may be distracting and result in a loss of points in the communication section of the rubric. Try to get so comfortable with your presentation, that you do not need a script! Practice your presentation often and have adults ask you questions about your invention while you practice. This should help you get comfortable with your presentation before you record it.

Q: How much space do we have to display our inventions?

- Moving to an online event this year means your items will not be measurable in the same way they would be at an in-person competition, however in preparing for next year keep in mind that we ask that you try to adhere to a maximum trifold display board sized 48” wide (24” with both 12” sides folded in) by 36” tall and the trifold is expected to fit onto a footprint of no more than 30” wide (with sides folded in) on the tabletop. Your prototype must fit within this space on the table as well, or in front of the table.

Q: How do I submit my video presentation to my registration form?

- The easiest way to submit your video is to shoot your video and save it to YouTube or an online platform of your choice. You can make your link “unlisted” on YouTube. You can then copy the video link from your host and paste the link into your registration form. Please note: if you set your video to “private” when you upload it to YouTube the judges will not be able to view your video or give you a grade for the video portion of the rubric – you must set the privacy level of your video to “public” or “unlisted”.

Q: I no longer have my prototype as it has been locked down at my school; can I still compete?

- Yes, if you are unable to create a new prototype you can still compete, however, you will need to have a picture, a drawing or some type of blue print to show, and share, in your presentation that describes your prototype in detail.

Q: Do I have to submit my logbook/journal in order to compete in the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention?

- No, you do not have to submit your logbook or journal in order to compete in the competition. For this year's competition, the logbook scoring has been taken off the judging rubric.

Q: Do I have to submit a picture of my display board in order to compete in the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention?

- No, you do not have to submit a photo of your display board in order to compete in the competition. For this year's competition, the display board scoring has been taken off the judging rubric as a mandatory part of the scoring.

Q: When does the awards ceremony take place?

- The awards ceremony will be pre-recorded and will be hosted on our social media channels on Aug. 2nd. Award recipients will also be notified via the email used for ZFairs registration. Please check back for more details soon.

Q: What awards will be given out for the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention online competition?

Inventors will still have the same opportunity to earn amazing awards!

- Over \$20,000 in College Advantage 529 savings awards will be presented by Ohio Tuition Trust Authority
- Invitations to represent Ohio at the 2021 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at the Henry Ford
- Mentorship awards
- Opportunities to participate in State Invention Convention special events
- A total of 92 awards will be presented – 52 inventions will receive college savings awards and invitations to represent Ohio Invention Convention at the 2021 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford. 40 inventions will be recognized, mentored and serve as alternates to the 2021 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals
- There will be two overall Grade Divisions: (K-2) to 5th, and 6th to (9th-12th)

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded for the following grade categories: (K-2), 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, (9-12th) grades
- 13 Industry Awards will be selected in each of the two grade divisions
- 40 Honorable Mentions will be selected from all submissions