



Educators, program leaders, inventors and families,

This year, the Ohio Invention Convention is welcoming more students than ever to be a part of the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention. With the impact of COVID-19, many schools and programs have been unable to complete their invention process. Many students have completed the process but do not have access to all their materials, due to Governor DeWine's directive for school closures in Ohio. Across Ohio and the world, leaders of government, education, businesses, and healthcare are joining forces to deal with the unprecedented circumstances of COVID-19. It is a time when all of us are putting our problem-solving superpowers to work! The state Ohio Invention Convention will happen as planned – though it will look a little different than in other years. All students' inventions will be judged using an online platform during the month of June. Award recipients will be announced & awarded in an online awards ceremony in August.

This year, we are inviting all students who have started the invention process to submit a video pitch, no longer than 5-minutes, to be evaluated and scored by our valued mentors.

To help facilitate Ohio's amazing young inventors in showcasing their inventions at the State level, we are changing some of the judging parameters for this year only:

The 2020 Ohio Invention Convention presented by Honda will now be an ONLINE VIDEO PITCH SUBMISSION format

What if I do not have a display board?

- Display boards will not be required for the state competition video pitch. If you have a display board you would like to share, we would love to see it, but display boards will not be included in the scoring process. If an inventor(s) qualifies and receive an invitation to the 2021 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals, a display board will be required.

What if I do not have my journal?

- Journals will not be required to be shown for the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention. If you have your journal and would like to share anything from your journal, please share it, but the journal will not be included in the scoring process.

What if only one team member will be able to make the pitch video for their team?

- For the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention one team member may represent both team members in the video pitch. Both the team members will still be eligible to win college savings awards and other prizes awarded.
- If the team qualifies and receives an invitation to the 2021 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals, both teammates will need to be part of the video pitch submission and the live pitch at The Henry Ford Museum.

What if I do not have my prototype?

- Prototypes will not be required in the pitch video, but the inventor(s) must be able to explain why their prototype is original and the science/research behind how the prototype would work. A drawing of the prototype, blueprint, picture is needed. Your prototype does not have to be a working prototype. The invention must be original.
- If you have completed your prototype and would like to refer to it in your video pitch, we would love to see it! However, the prototype will not be included in the scoring process.

Here is a link to the Video Pitch Rules & Instructions: <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2020-Ohio-Invention-Convention-Printed-Video-Pitch-Rules-and-Instructions-FINAL.pdf>

Awards

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

Registration Directions for Online 2020 Ohio Invention Convention

Registration for the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention opens: **4/17/20**

- You must have your video pitch that is no longer than 5 minutes prepared and ready to upload at the time of registration. You may begin the registration process and keep your username and password if you need to make edits or add your video.
- **REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL YOU UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO**

Registration for the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention closes: **6/1/20**

To register for the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention, you will need to use the registration link below:

<https://oh.zfairs.com/?f=262740bf-9850-487a-b0fc-93908b4655a8>

- Scroll down to read “Instructions to Register”
- **Please note that it is the student’s first & last name requested when you begin registration**
- Click on “Create Account” at the top, it will ask you to submit an email address & then verify via the submitted email
- After you have created & verified your account, you must upload a profile picture of the inventor on the first page of your registration, which will be used during the virtual awards ceremony, should the inventor place.

******Please read the entire Homepage before you begin the registration process. Thank you!**

If the above link does not work, please follow the directions below:

- Go to zfairs.com
- Go to “Find my Fair” in the upper right-hand corner

- Scroll to 2020 Ohio Invention Convention and click on it. This will take you to the Homepage to read “Instructions to Register”.

Inventor Families: The Invention League will be having a contest during the registration period. In order to allow inventors to have time to create their video submission and complete registration, the contest will begin May 4th. Each week, from May 4th to June 1st, registered inventors, will be entered into a drawing. A name will be chosen randomly, in a Facebook Live broadcast at 1pm on Mondays, and the selected inventor will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. (They will also be notified at the email address submitted in Zfairs registration.) Follow & Like us @InventionLeague on FB, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn

Your registration must be complete to be eligible for that week’s drawing.

Educators: The Invention League is including a link to a quick survey below. Complete the survey and be eligible to be included in the drawing for a \$50.00 Amazon gift card:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78ZGTDP>

Questions about the 2020 Ohio Invention Convention or need assistance with registration, please refer to our FAQ’s document: <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2020-FAQ-Ohio-IC-FINAL.pdf>

Or contact the Invention League team: info@inventionleague.org

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