



FAQ's for 2022-2023 Ohio Invention Convention Program

Q: When does registration for the 2022-2023 Ohio Invention League Invention Convention program year open for Educators, Program Leaders & Independent Inventors?

A: [Registration opens October 1st](#) to register a district, school, class, or as

an Independent Inventor through the zFairs system. This registration informs Ohio Invention League of their planned participation and allows us to share materials, important updates, and support. When registration opens for the 2023 Video Submission Regional Competitions, qualified students working through them and IIP students will receive the registration link to upload their video submission and officially register for their Regional Competition.

Educator and Program Leader Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNXzjHj8qBzzl3YCwh5WI3HrUS7CtZIKVo32OzYxEzKwyHdA/viewform?usp=sf_link

***As long as an educator, program, or IIP can have their participation number to the OIL team by March 20th and their eligible students registered for the Regional Competition by April 21st, they can participate in the program year.

Q: How do I register for the 2022-2023 Ohio Invention League Invention Convention program year if my school/program does not offer Invention Convention or my grade is not included in their programming this year?

A: Any K-12 student in Ohio can participate in Ohio Invention Convention at no cost. Inventors who cannot participate through their school or a participating program may register to invent through our Independent Inventor Program. Students inventing through the Independent Inventor Program participate at home, with the support of the invention League team, family members and friends. Ohio Invention League communicates with this group directly and shares access to materials, updates, and links to register and upload video submission for Regional competitions.

Independent Inventor Program Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScShh25tKiXewu-Cu1jq-w6szHZ4h9s4PiypKSUOCsu8r4ZPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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

A: Yes, we welcome all students, regardless of grade. If your school or grade does not participate, you may register for the Independent Inventor Program. Please check with your school before registering for the IIP program.

Q: What awards will be given out for the 2023 Ohio Invention Convention competition?

A: CollegeAdvantage 529 Plan savings awards will be awarded for the 2023 Ohio Invention Convention competitions. The 2023 Honda State Finals will also include ribbons and/or trophies.

Q: Can we participate in a team?

A: Yes, we allow teams of up to 4 students to participate. All team members must participate in the invention process and the video submission. CollegeAdvantage 529 savings awards earned by teams will be split among the team members equally.

Q: Do I have to submit a logbook/journal?

A: Yes, a journal/logbook should be prepared and uploaded during your registration. The Invention Convention Worldwide curriculum provides a journal at each grade level.

Q: What is a logbook/Journal?

A: A logbook is a journal that the student records in from the very beginning of the invention process and helps the student structure their invention-thinking process. It documents a student's path to invention. In programs that use logbooks/journals, students will start their very earliest conceptual thinking in a logbook/journal and chronicle this as it continues through to the end of the invention process. <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/ICW-Introduction-LogbookBlueprintCustomizable-1-1.docx>

Q: Do I have to submit a picture of my display board?

A: Yes, you must upload a display board this year by a picture, Google Slides, PowerPoint (PDF version), or another format you choose. (National competition will require a tri-fold display board, so if you use a digital board for OIL competitions and earn an invitation to the 2024 Invention Convention US Nationals, you will need a tri-fold board.)

Q: What are the video presentation requirements?

A: Click: <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2022-2023-OILIC-Video-Pitch-Rules-and-Instructions.pdf>

Please use the <https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2022-23-OH-Invention-Convention-Rubric-and-Supporting-Materials-Guidelines.pdf> when creating your video. If you follow the rubric, you will meet all the elements required in the video submission.

Q: What if a team cannot all be together in person to record a pitch video submission?

A: We understand students will be working and learning in different models, including virtual and distance-learning. Each team member must appear in the video, following the video pitch rules and instructions above.

Both team members need to have the same video uploaded. The first student to register using TEAM choice will add the video, display board and logbook and give the Project ID number at the end of the registration to their teammate to use when registering as a team. Both team members should present in the video.

Q: What should I wear in my video presentation?

A: 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?

A: While you may use note cards or a script to discuss your invention through prompts in your video presentation, a full script is highly discouraged, as your note cards 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. Students in grades K-3 are permitted to be prompted by an adult. Students in grades K-3 are also permitted to do a Zoom call, or another format, with an educator to discuss their invention process.

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

A: The easiest way to upload your video in registration is: create your video and save it as an mp4 file and upload to YouTube. If you do not have a YouTube account, you may send the MP4 file to OIL team to create an "unlisted" video through our account. On YouTube it will ask you how you would like to publish your video. Select

“unlisted” as your option. You can then copy the video link from YouTube and paste the link into your registration form. See video on creating link in YouTube <https://youtu.be/ZJkSFHiAlpA>

Please note: Competition registrations will not be complete until your video has been uploaded in the required field.

Please remember: 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 score for the video portion of the rubric – you MUST set the privacy level of your video to “unlisted”. Only individuals with the link will see your video when “unlisted”.

Registration for OILIC Regional/ State Competitions ONLY

Educators, program leaders and Independent Inventors will complete the invention process in different time frames, depending on their curriculum schedule and program implementation plan. Eligible/selected students advancing to the Regional/State competitions will receive a link to register for the Regional competition from either their educator/program leader or Ohio Invention League. Students should have their project and support materials (*journal, display board, video submission*) uploaded and registration completed by the Regional registration close date. (*See dates below*)

Regional and State registration open/close dates:

OILIC Virtual Video Submission Regional Competition Open March 28th/Closes April 21st

OILIC Live Zoom Room Judging Circle State Competition State eligible student registrations will be advanced from the Regional competition to the State competition for the live Zoom room judging circles, and **students and educators will be notified no later than May 26th of their advancement. Students will not be required to complete another registration for State.**

Q: How do I edit my Regional/State registration?

When creating your student account, you will be given a username and you will create a password. Please save this information, as you will need them when logging into your registration to edit and/or add information.

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

A: 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: What prizes will be awarded in the OILIC Regional & State Competitions?

A: Almost \$30,000 in CollegeAdvantage 529 savings awards will be awarded between the two competitions. Students advancing to State will receive a t-shirt, inventor gift package, and award recipients will receive a ribbon and/or trophy. Awards presented at State include K-5th & 6th-12th Edison (Best of Show in the 2 grade divisions), K-5 & 6th-12th Industry Innovator (Highest-scoring invention in each industry category students could enter their invention, in the 2 grade divisions), Grade level awards and Honorable Mention awards. An award ceremony showcase will be held. The location and date/time is TBD.