



FAQ's for 2021-2022 Ohio Invention Convention Program

Q: When does registration for the 2021-2022 Ohio Invention League Invention Convention program year open for Educators, Program Leaders & Independent Inventors?

A: Registration opens on September 15th 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 Preliminary Competitions, qualified students working through them will receive registration links to upload their video submissions and officially register for Preliminary Competitions.

Q: How do I register for the 2021-2022 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 our Independent Inventor meetings, 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.

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

A: Yes, we welcome all invited guests, 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: Is there a cost to participate in the Invention League Invention Convention?

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

Q: What awards will be given out for the 2022 Ohio Invention Convention competition?

A: CollegeAdvantage 529 Plan savings awards will be awarded for the 2022 Ohio Invention Convention competitions.

Q: Can we participate in a team?

A: Yes, we allow teams of 2 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. You can use Google Docs to prepare your journal. Please contact your teacher/coordinator or **contact info@inventionleague.org** to get a copy of the K-2 (3rd) journal or the (3rd) 4-12 grade journal. * **3rd grade educators, program leaders and families may select the journal style best suited to their 3rd grader's skill level and learning style.**

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.

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, or another format you choose.

Q: What are the video presentation requirements?

A: to see the video presentation instructions.

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 this year, including virtual and distance-learning. Each team member must participate in the video presentation either live or in a recorded virtual setting. You will want to follow the

video pitch instructions: Both inventors should introduce themselves and say their name and both must fill out their own online registration using the directions provided for registering teammates. Both team members should present in the video.

Video Submission Rules and Instructions:

<https://inventionconvention.org/ohio/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021-22-Video-Submission-Rules-and-Instructions.pdf>

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 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. 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" through their account. On YouTube will be asked 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

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 Preliminary/ 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 Preliminary/State competitions will receive a link to register for the Preliminary 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 Preliminary registration close date. (*See dates below*)

Preliminary/ State registration open/close dates:

OILIC Virtual Preliminary Competition: Open March 2nd/Closes April 15th

OILIC State Competition: State eligible student registrations will be advanced from the preliminary competition to the State competition and students and educators will be notified May 13th. Students will not be required to complete another registration for State.

Q: How do I edit my Preliminary/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 Preliminary/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 Preliminary & State Competitions?

A: Almost \$30,000 in CollegeAdvantage 529 savings awards will be award between the two competitions. Students advancing to State will receive a t-shirt, inventor gift package, and award recipients will receive a ribbon. 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.