## Free to schools and students. Minois Invention Convention

**What:** The Illinois Invention Convention is a program by Illinois Invents, a nonprofit 501(c)3 Public Charity. This program provides free curriculum to teachers to walk students through the steps involved to create their own invention. Schools hold local competitions and then send their top students on to compete regionally. Top regional participants are then invited to compete nationally.

**Who:** The Illinois Invention Convention is open to all students in grades k – 8 in the state of Illinois.

**Why:** The Invention Convention is a STEM program, hitting the elusive "E"-engineering. The invention process involves creativity, research, and presentation – all valuable skills. Finally, the invention process builds grit, as there are many points in the process at which failure is possible and perseverance is necessary.

**How:** The program is easy to implement and comes with all of the materials the coordinator will need. It's implementation is also able to be customized to meet the needs of each school.

**When**: Registration is open through November 30. Schools hold their local competitions in January or February. Regional Competitions will be held in March and April. Nationals will be in Washington DC during June 1-3.

## Sign up today!

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