

**RTX Invention Convention US Nationals powered by The Henry Ford
Official Rules**

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** The RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals powered by The Henry Ford ("Promotion") is open only to legal residents of the fifty (50) U.S. or D.C. who are K-12 students from the below affiliates who qualified in their state and received an invite to the **RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals** competition. Employees, officers and directors of The Henry Ford (the "Sponsor"), and any of its subsidiaries and affiliates, Realtime Media LLC (the "Administrator"), their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising, and fulfillment and marketing agencies, (collectively, "Promotion Parties") their immediate families (parent, child, sibling & spouse and their respective spouses, regardless of where they reside) and persons living in the same households as such individuals (whether related or not) are not eligible to participate in the Promotion. By participating in the Promotion, you release, discharge and hold harmless Promotion Parties, their respective parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, retailers, advertising and promotion agencies and the respective officers, directors, employees and agents of each of the foregoing, from any and all damages whether direct or indirect, which may be due to or arise out of participation in the Promotion or any portion thereof, or the acceptance, use/misuse or possession of any prize. By participating, you agree to these Official Rules and to the decisions of the judges and Sponsor, which are final and binding in all respects. Void where prohibited by law, rule or regulation. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.

To be eligible, participants must travel to The Henry Ford (20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124), and will be required to be onsite from June 3 – June 5, 2026: in person, accompanied by at least one (1) parent or legal guardian who is over eighteen (18) years of age. Participants will also be required to pay a \$365 entry fee. Additional guests will be required to pay a \$390 entry fee. Participants will receive event credentials that will give them free access to Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and Greenfield Village during the timeframe of the event. Three (3) lunches and two (2) dinners will be provided to the participants during this time.

AFFILIATES: Students must have qualified for the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals competition by participating in one (1) of the following Affiliates' events and have received an invitation to compete. Students may also qualify through the ICW Independent Inventor Program.

- Invention Convention Alabama
- Invention Convention Arizona
- California Invention Convention
- Connecticut Invention Convention
- Invention Convention Florida
- K-12 Inventure Prize
- Invent Idaho
- Illinois Student Invention Convention
- Indiana 4-H Invention Convention
- Iowa Invention Convention
- Invention Convention Louisiana
- ICW Independent Inventors Program
- Maine Invention Convention
- Invention Convention Maryland
- Massachusetts Invention Convention
- Invention Convention Michigan
- Kansas City Invention Convention
- Young Inventors' Program of Northern New England (NH)
- Invention Convention New York
- Western New York Invention Convention
- Kaleideum Invention Convention
- Ohio League Invention Convention
- Pennsylvania Invention Convention

- Tennessee Invention Convention
- Invention Convention Texas
- Utah Invention Convention
- Vermont Invention fair
- Invention Convention Virginia and Washington DC

2. TIMING: The Promotion will consist of three (3) phases, as detailed below:

- **“Entry Period”:** Begins at or about 09:00:00 a.m. ET on April 1, 2026 and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. ET on May 7, 2026.
- **“Online Judging Period”:** Begins at or about 9:00:00 a.m. ET on May 15, 2026 and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. ET on May 22, 2026.
- **“In-person Judging Period”:** Begins at or about 9:00 a.m. ET on June 4, 2026 and ends at 5:00 p.m. ET on June 4, 2026.
- **Winner Announcement:** The winners will be announced on or about June 5, 2026.

The computer clock of Sponsor is the official time-keeping device in the Promotion.

3. HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Because our registration is private, students can only access the registration page on national.inventionconvention.org with a direct link to the private registration page. No one without the link can register. If you have not received your link, please contact your Affiliate during the Entry Period to gain access to the registration form and to upload your Affiliate state/regional event qualifying science fair project. Complete the registration form with your true and correct information in the required fields (required fields include, Student First Name, Student Last Name, Parent Full Name, Parent Phone, Parent Email, Names of additional attendees, Ethnicity, Gender, Mailing Address, Grade, Age of Inventor, Picture of student, Shirt Size, Primary Language, Other Language(s), Affiliate Name, School Name, Years in Invention Convention, select from a list of other programs the answer to “Does the inventor participate in any other educational programs besides Invention Convention?”, and select from a list of options the answer(s) to “How did you primarily engage with Invention Convention?”, and “We cannot guarantee translation of non-English materials. If your submitted materials will include other languages, please let us know below.” Optional fields include Preferred Pronoun and Valid PayPal account if you wish to receive your prize via PayPal. You will also have the opportunity to opt-in to additional awards for which you believe your entry qualifies.

Additionally, you will be required to provide the following information of your Affiliate state/regional event qualifying science fair project to complete your Entry:

- Team Project (Y/N)
- Category
- Project Title
- Project Description
- Video (Grades K-2: 2 minute minimum, 6 minute maximum. Grades 3-12: 4 minutes minimum, 6 minutes maximum) **For more information go to** (<https://national.inventionconvention.org/>)
- Logbooks (PDF) **For more information go to** (<https://national.inventionconvention.org/>)
- “What is the problem your invention solves?”
- “How does your invention solve the problem?”
- “Explain how your invention is better than and different from other existing inventions. What research have you completed to verify that your invention is better and different? Be specific regarding completed research.”
- For research purposes, Invention Convention Worldwide is interested in knowing the patent status of student inventions, if applicable (select multiple choice). This will not affect scoring.
 - No Patent Application
 - Provisional Patent Application submitted
 - Considering Patent Process
 - Patented

- For research purposes, was AI used in the process of creating your project? A yes or no answer is fine, but you can elaborate if you would like. This question will not impact judging.

Collectively, all of the information above constitutes your “Entry”. Limit of one (1) Entry per person or team (a team may consist of no more than four (4) student inventors), throughout the Entry Period. You may not submit an Entry as both an individual inventor and a team member. Team members who do not attend the event or are not present for judging will not be considered for an award.

By submitting an Entry, you hereby grant permission for your Entry to be posted on national.inventionconvention.org, thehenryford.org or other websites. You agree that Promotion Parties are not responsible for any unauthorized use of Entries by third parties. Promotion Parties do not guarantee the posting of any Entry. You agree that you will not use the Entry for any other purpose, including, without limitation, posting the Entry to any online social networks (other than for entry into this Promotion), without the express consent of Sponsor in each instance.

By submitting an Entry, you represent and warrant that the work submitted is original to you and that neither it nor its contents infringes upon or violates the rights of any third party. If your Entry includes likenesses of third parties or contains elements not owned by you, (such as, but not limited to, company logos) you must be able to provide legal releases for such use in a form satisfactory to Sponsor or your Entry will be disqualified. Entries may not defame or invade the publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person’s personal or proprietary rights.

REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRIES: Entries may not contain, as determined by the Sponsor, in its sole discretion, any content that:

- Is sexually explicit; unnecessarily violent or derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group; profane or pornographic; contains nudity;
- Promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing); promotes any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous; promotes any particular political agenda or message;
- Is obscene or offensive; endorses any form of hate or hate group;
- Appears to duplicate any other submitted Entries;
- Defames, misrepresents or contains disparaging remarks about other people or companies;
- Contains trademarks, logos, or trade dress (such as distinctive packaging or building exteriors/interiors) owned by others, without permission;
- Contains any personal identification, such as license plate numbers, personal names, email addresses or street addresses;
- Contains copyrighted materials owned by others (including photographs, sculptures, paintings, and other works of art or images published on or in websites, television, movies or other media), without permission;
- Contains any individual other than you and/or any materials embodying the names, likenesses, voices, or other indicia identifying any person, including, without limitation, celebrities and/or other public or private figures, living or dead, without providing legal releases for such use in a form satisfactory to Sponsor;
- Contains look-alikes of celebrities or other public or private figures, living or dead;
- Communicates messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or good will to which Sponsor wishes to associate; and/or
- Violates any law.
- If a submission is not in English, The Henry Ford cannot guarantee translation services. Students are encouraged to prepare any materials in English so that judges are guaranteed to share the same language.
- Inventors may not display awards from other competitions, including Invention Convention State or Regional competitions.
- Banners hanging from the table are prohibited.

By submitting an Entry, you represent and warrant that your Entry is original to you and that neither it nor its contents infringe upon or violates the rights of any third party, including any copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property. By submitting an Entry, you warrant and represent that you consent to the submission and use of the Entry in the Promotion and to its use as otherwise set forth herein.

By submitting an Entry, you acknowledge and agree that Sponsor may receive other Entries under this Promotion that may be similar or identical to the Entry submitted by you, and you waive any and all claims you may have had, may have, and/or may have in the future, that any other Entry reviewed and/or used by Sponsor may be similar to your Entry and you understand that you will not be entitled to any compensation because of Sponsor's use of such other similar or identical material.

- 4. ONLINE JUDGING:** Begins at 9:00:00 a.m. ET on May 15, 2026 and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. ET on May 22, 2026.

First, the Sponsor will review all Entries for their originality and score them accordingly, based on the rubric provided below. Sponsor will confirm that Entries for the Specialty Awards fit the criteria for the awards provided by Partners. If they do not, Entries will be removed from consideration for Specialty Awards. Partners will use the originality score as a guideline for which Entries should be considered for Specialty Awards and Patent Awards. Partners may also request shortlists of only the top originality scoring Entries for consideration. Partners will use the judging criteria below, along with the originality score, to ultimately determine the Specialty Awards and Patent Awards. Partners reserve the right to alter their scores upon judging the students in person at the event until 5:00 p.m. ET on June 4, 2026. After that time, partners' choices will be final. Partners presenting Specialty Awards and Law Firms administering the Patent Awards reserve the right to only award students who attend the event and are judged in person.

The online judging panel, from all over the world, representing various fields and industries, will then score all Entries based on the judging criteria below determining the score for the online presentation which will be entered as part of the inventors' overall score after in person judging is complete.

- 5. IN-PERSON JUDGING:** Begins at or about 9:00 a.m. ET on June 4, 2026 and ends at 5:00 p.m. ET on June 4, 2026.

Inventors will be judged by panels of judges in-person at Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. If part of a team, only team members who are present for judging will be considered for an award. The top 10 scoring projects for K-12, Industry, Invention Process, and Global Change Awards will be reviewed by a panel of judges, including the judge committee, to ensure the scoring process and determine the winners.

An inventor, or team of inventors will have to present to the in-person judges:

- One (1) Prototype
 - Students should create a model that demonstrates the key characteristics that make the invention valuable, usable and unique.
 - Prototype does not have to be fully functioning.
 - Prototypes must fit within the allotted space the inventor(s) are given for display on their table or on the floor in front of it (36-inch-wide footprint).
 - Prototypes may not contain or use water or any other liquids.
 - Prototypes will not have access to power outlets or electricity.
 - Students may use a laptop or tablet to demonstrate a digital prototype.
 - Note: Power will not be provided for these devices nor is it the responsibility of ICW or The Henry Ford to ensure functioning WiFi.
 - No refrigeration will be provided for prototypes.
- One (1) Display Board (see Display Board Judging Criteria below for more information)
 - Display boards must be displayed on the tabletop and nowhere else.

- Inventors must adhere to a maximum trifold display board size of 36 inches wide by 45 inches tall when displayed on the tabletop.
- One Logbook (see Logbook Judging Criteria below for more information)
 - The logbook must be physical and can be handwritten or typed.
- All materials must fit within a space no larger than 36" wide, 75" tall (30" below table and 45" above table), and 42" deep (30" on table, 12" in front of table). Prototype cannot be taller than the display board nor wider. See Appendix A, below, for a diagram of the display space.
 - Displays (prototype and/or display board, and other materials) that violate these dimensions will be subject to a two (2) point penalty to their overall score per violation up to a maximum of a four (4) point penalty.
 - Banners hanging from the table are prohibited.
- If a display does not have the necessary materials (prototype, display board, and/or logbook) the Entry will receive a score of zero (0) for those categories.

6. JUDGE REVIEW AND AWARDS PROCESS AND ALLOCATION:

Seventy-five (75) awards are determined as follows:

- Best in Show is chosen by the Sponsor who will review all the 1st place winners from the K-12 awards and award Best in Show to the winner with the highest overall 1st place score. Ties will be broken using the process explained below.
- Specialty Awards and Patent Application Awards, winners are determined by sponsor judges using the rubric below.
- K-12 Awards winners are chosen from the top 10 overall scores for those categories which are then reviewed by a panel of judges to determine the winners. Each grade can have up to three (3) awards given as well as honorable mentions based on the number of entries received following the scale below:
 - 0 Entries: 0 awards;
 - 1 Entry: 1st place;
 - 2 Entries: 1st place, 2nd place;
 - 3-45 Entries: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place;
 - 46-60 Entries: 1-3rd place and 1 Honorable Mention;
 - 61-75 Entries: 1-3rd place and 2 Honorable Mentions;
 - 76-90 Entries: 1-3rd place and 3 Honorable Mentions;
 - Continuing this ladder with one (1) additional Honorable Mention for every 15 Entries;
 - Honorable Mention awards are awarded in order to the 4th place, 5th place, 6th place, etc., projects in a given grade as applicable.
- Industry Innovation Awards, Best Prototype, and Global Change Awards winners are chosen from the top 10 overall scores for those categories which are then reviewed by a panel of judges to determine the winners.
- Best Video Presentation Award and Best Live Presentation Award winners are chosen by the top scores in their categories.
- The Best Display Board Award winner (Listed under Invention Process Awards in section 8) will be determined by using the Display Board Judging Criteria detailed below. All top scoring display boards (up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) which are chosen by overall score) will be reviewed and a winner will be chosen for that category.
- The Logbook Award winner (listed under Invention Process Awards in Section 8) will be determined by the Logbook Judging Committee. The final winner will be determined by using the Logbook Judging Criteria detailed below. In the case of a tie, up to two (2) inventions can win the Logbook Award.

Ties for all awards are broken at the discretion of the Judging Committee. Factors will include: (1) Total Overall Score; (2) Live Presentation with Q&A score; (3) Individual category scores in the order of Originality, Identifying & Understanding, Ideating, Designing & Building, and Testing & Refining. If there

is still a tie at that point, the Judging Committee will consider the remainder of the Invention Impact scores and finally, Inventor Communication scores. Sponsor reserves the right not to award all prizes or to choose fewer than seventy-five (75) winners if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified Entries. Prize awards are subject to verification of eligibility and compliance with these Official Rules. Entries that do not contain all required entry information and/or materials or are considered inappropriate for any reason are not eligible.

ORIGINALITY JUDGING CRITERIA: Judges will use the following rubric to guide each invention's originality score. They will document their reasoning in their tracking document. Judges will independently give each invention an originality score which can be any integer 0-15. The following examples will guide their scoring:

- a. 0 points would be awarded in the case that the invention can be found online, at a store, or already has an existing patent.
- b. 5 points would be awarded in the case that the concept of the invention already exists and the student's invention is different, but only minor changes have been made: size is larger/smaller, design is different, mechanics are different but functionality is the same.
- c. 10 points would be awarded in the case that the concept exists, but major changes have been made altering the design and functionality of the invention.
- d. 15 points would be awarded in the case that the invention does not exist and no pre-existing patents can be found.

OVERALL JUDGING CRITERIA:

Category	Dimension	Description	Points
Invention Process (40)	Identifying & Understanding	The Identifying stage occurs when inventors seek problems they want to solve. This stage involves how inventors uncover problems and discover who else might experience the same problem. Understanding a problem requires research to identify existing solutions that solve the identified problem and the shortcomings of those solutions. Understanding also includes researching the impact the problem may have on others.	10
	Ideating	Ideating refers to the brainstorming or imagination stage inventors go through to generate a variety of original ideas. Ideation includes developing specific criteria for a successful solution. <i>Note: An inventor's idea/s may be updated at any time throughout the Invention Process.</i>	10
	Designing & Building	Designing an invention or a prototype requires critical-thinking skills; inventors are expected to articulate how they intend the invention to work and why they chose the materials they did for executing their invention.	10
	Testing & Refining	The keys to this step are iterations, improvements and perseverance. The best inventors know the first build is often not the best and seek feedback through Testing and Refining their design accordingly.	10
Invention Impact (25)	Market Research <i>Note: Judges look for research quality, not market size.</i>	Market Research assesses the likelihood of an invention gaining users. 1. How would you characterize the potential market? Who are the potential users? 2. How likely is the identified market to adopt the solution? 3. To what extent was the market appropriately researched? Inventors are encouraged to use both quantitative research (e.g., statistics) and qualitative research (e.g., interviewing experts or potential users).	5
	Environmental & Societal Impact	Inventors are asked to consider and communicate the potential Environmental and/or Societal Impacts of their invention, both positive and negative (pros and cons). To what extent does the invention improve environmental/societal conditions or have a minimal adverse impact?	5

Invention Impact
(Continued)

Originality	Does the inventor demonstrate that their invention is better than or different from existing solutions? Do they show how it is distinguishable from prior inventions? It is important to conduct and communicate research from a variety of sources to establish and verify Originality.	15
Inventor Communication (35)		
Logbook	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Does the Logbook document a journey, rather than just provide a report after the fact?2. Does the Logbook thoroughly document/explain all aspects of the Invention Process (Problem Identification, Understanding, Ideating, Designing, Building, Testing and Communicating) in a detailed manner?3. Does the Logbook document all items used, including borrowed and repurposed?	10
Display Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Does the Display Board support the inventor's presentation by communicating significant aspects of the Invention Process?2. Does the display have strong visual appeal, such as eye-catching colors, pictures, graphs and variety?3. Are grammar, spelling and punctuation correct and, if board is hand-printed, is it neatly done?	5
Prototype or Model	<p>Does the Prototype support the inventor's presentation and clearly communicate the key characteristics that address the identified problem?</p> <p><i>Note: Outside assistance and collaboration are acceptable as long as the student is driving the process and documents outside help. Inventors should do only what they can do safely. Credit should be given where assistance was received.</i></p>	5
Video Presentation	The Video Presentation should be informative and energetic and speak to the originality of the invention. Inventors should include information on the first two categories of the rubric (Invention Process and Invention Impact). Inventors should prioritize communicating the Invention Process and challenges encountered while completing that process and explain completed research relating to the originality of the invention. Maximum length six minutes; minimum length varies by grade.	5
Live Presentation with Q&A	The Live Presentation with Q&A takes place during the event and is very similar to the online presentation video but with the addition of a judge and peer question-and-answer portion. Presentations should provide enough information so that a judge can score all aspects of the above rubric (except for the Video Presentation, as that is scored separately). Live Presentations should not exceed five minutes, and Q&A afterward will take no more than three minutes.	10

DISPLAY BOARD JUDGING CRITERIA: Display board judging is based on thoroughness and creativity. Judges will evaluate each board according to the rubric below as well as the depth of explanation provided by the entrant:

Criteria	Description	Points Possible
<p>Content</p>	<p>Minimal to Average: Includes name of invention, inventor's name and grade, plus patent status and school/state.</p> <p>Essential design process content (in paragraphs or bullet points): problem statement, brainstorming ideas, test and revise/various iterations and improvements.</p> <p>Above Average to Excellent: Quality of required essential criteria (explained above) is a deciding factor. Contains all essential content but also includes in-depth, thorough descriptions and details (age appropriate).</p> <p>Options for going above and beyond include but are not limited to: pictures, statistics, market potential, depth of the problem, age-appropriate research citations (beyond Google), interviews, analysis.</p>	<p>0-3</p>
<p>Visual Appeal</p>	<p>Minimal to Average: Instantly grabs viewer's attention. All items are spelled correctly and mounted and cut neatly (age appropriate). Uses color scheme. Adds visual appeal. Clean, neat, colorful, eye-catching display.</p> <p>Above Average to Excellent: Unique aspects, original factors making display pop, full of essential content but well organized and not crowded.</p>	<p>0-2</p>

LOGBOOK JUDGING CRITERIA:

Criteria	Description	Points Possible
Invention Process	<p>Logbook must document student initiative and the Invention Process. Information should begin with brainstorming and continue through to completion of the invention (include modifications/improvements/all changes from beginning to end).</p> <p>Logbook documents how idea originated; evidence of student being the main contributor to the project (students should do all work appropriate for their grade level; adult help is encouraged regarding any safety issues, such as using power tools). Logbook contains documentation to show progression of prototype iterations and improvements. Logbook documents all aspects of the Invention Process: Identifying, Understanding, Ideating, Designing, Building, Testing and Communicating.</p>	0-4
Research & Documentation	<p>Documents research related to the general topic as well as the existence of similar inventions (supports originality).</p> <p>Lists all items used, including borrowed and repurposed. Documents total expenses including all materials purchased, donated or reused. Documents help from adults.</p>	0-4
Analysis	<p>Provides analysis of the invention benefits/consequences: environmental, societal, market potential.</p> <p>Gives pros/cons of design process.</p>	0-2

7. **WINNER NOTIFICATION:** Cash prizes and scholarships will be awarded only upon winner redemption, confirmation, verification and final approval by Sponsor. No substitution, transfer of any prize or cash alternative permitted, except by Sponsor who reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute a prize of equal or greater value, if prize, or portion of prize, becomes unavailable. The potential winners will be contacted by email and/or phone within six (6) business days of winner announcement. Potential winner(s) will have three (3) days to respond to winning notification before forfeiting their prize. Potential winners of a prize (or a combination of prizes) valued at more than \$2,000 will be sent a Declaration of Eligibility/Liability Release via email for completion by winner or, if a minor, by minor winner's parent or legal guardian. All forms must be completed, signed, and returned to Administrator within three (3) days of date of issuance. A potential winner becomes a "winner" only after verification of eligibility by Sponsor. All cash prizes will be fulfilled in approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks after the winners are confirmed, after the Promotion has ended, via PayPal or check. Legal guardians of winners of a cash prize who wish to receive said cash prize via PayPal will be required to register for a free PayPal account if they do not already have one. If the potential winning entrant of any prize cannot be contacted; is ineligible; fails to claim the prize; if the Declaration or other prize notification is returned undeliverable; or if the potential winner otherwise fails to fully comply with these Official Rules, he/she will forfeit that prize. Winners will be announced June 5, 2026.
8. **PRIZES/PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** A total of seventy-five (75) prizes will be available to be awarded for this Promotion. Due to circumstances beyond Sponsor's control, some prizes may be adjusted slightly or may not be provided by the entities listed at the time of the publication of these Official Rules. Sponsor will make reasonable efforts to ensure that similar prizes are available to be awarded.

THIRTY-NINE (39, plus honorary mentions) K-12 AWARDS: Three (3) winners/winning teams from each grade (13 grades) will be chosen as winners of one (1) of the following prizes:

- **1st Place:** Gold 1st Place Medal, \$250 Cash Prize, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **2nd Place:** Silver 2nd Place Medal, \$200 Cash Prize, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **3rd Place:** Bronze 3rd Place Medal, \$150 Cash Prize, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Honorary Mentions:** Medal and Personalized Certificate

The total Approximate Retail Value (“ARV”) of all K-12 Awards is \$7,800 - \$31,200 (actual retail value depends on how many participants on a winning team. Honorary Mentions have no retail value)

TWELVE (12) INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARDS:

- **Agriculture and Food:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Animal Care and Pets:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Consumer Goods and Fashion:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Education presented by Project Management Institute Educational Foundation:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Energy Award Presented by ITC:** \$100 Scholarship, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Environment and Sustainability Presented by Avangrid:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Health and Medical Award:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Household Organization and Appliances:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Manufacturing and Tools:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Safety:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Sports, Games and Toys:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Transportation:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member

The total ARV of all Industry Innovation Award Prizes is \$1,200 - \$4,800 (actual retail value depends on how many participants on a winning team)

UP TO SIX (6) INVENTION PROCESS AWARDS:

- **Best Video Presentation Award:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **(1-2) Best Logbook Award:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Best Display Board Award:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Best Prototype Award:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Best Live Presentation:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, personalized Certificate for each team member

The total ARV of all Invention Process Award Prizes is \$600 - \$2,400 (actual retail value depends on how many participants on a winning team and how many Logbook awards are given)

TWO (2) GLOBAL CHANGE AWARDS:

- **Accessibility Award:** \$100 Cash Prize, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Invention Award for Societal Benefit, Presented by The Lemelson Foundation:** \$100 Scholarship, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member

The total ARV of all Global Change Award Prizes is \$200 - \$800 (actual retail value depends on how many participants on a winning team)

THREE (3) SPECIALTY AWARDS:

- **Aerospace Award Presented by RTX:** \$500 Scholarship, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Connectivity Award Presented by RTX:** \$500 Scholarship, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member
- **Technology of Tomorrow Award Presented by RTX:** \$500 Scholarship, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member

The total ARV of all Specialty Award Prizes is \$1,500 - \$6,000 (actual retail value depends on how many participants on a winning team)

TWELVE (12) PATENT APPLICATION AWARDS:

- **(5) Patent Application Awards Presented by the Law Firm of WilmerHale:** Official Letter from Patent Attorney, Trophy, Personalized Certificate (ARV up to \$10,000 each) for each team member
- **(2) Patent Application Awards Presented by the Law Firm of Cooley:** Official Letter from Patent Attorney, Trophy, Personalized Certificate (ARV up to \$10,000 each) for each team member
- **(1) Patent Application Award Presented by the Law Firm of Cantor Colburn:** Official Letter from Patent Attorney, Trophy, Personalized Certificate (ARV up to \$10,000) for each team member
- **(2) Patent Application Awards Presented by the Law Firm of Cantor Colburn and GM:** Official Letter from Patent Attorney, Trophy, Personalized Certificate (ARV up to \$10,000 each) for each team member
- **(2) Patent Application Awards Presented by the Law Firm of Clark Hill:** Official Letter from Patent Attorney, Trophy, Personalized Certificate (ARV up to \$10,000 each) for each team member

The total ARV of all Patent Application Award Prizes is \$120,000 - \$480,000 (actual retail value depends on how many participants are on a winning team)

ONE (1) BEST OF SHOW AWARD:

- **Most Innovative Award Presented by RTX:** \$2,000 Scholarship, Trophy, Personalized Certificate for each team member

The total ARV of all Best of Show Award Prizes is \$2,000 - \$8,000 (actual retail value depends on how many participants on a winning team)

The total ARV of all Promotion Prizes is \$133,300 - \$533,200 (actual retail value depends on how many participants from each winning team)

9. PRIZE LIMITATIONS: Limit of up to four (4) prizes per person. An Entry may not receive more than one (1) award per category. An Entry may not receive more than two (2) awards total with the exception of the Patent Awards and Best in Show. If the Entry has already won two (2) awards, and is the top-scoring in an additional category, the next-top-scoring Entry that has not won two (2) awards will be the applicable award winner. Honorable mentions do not count against award totals. If it is discovered during prize verification you have entered, attempted to enter, or used multiple accounts to enter more than the stated limit, you will be disqualified at the discretion of the administrator, or will be void. Entries generated by script, macro or other automated means, which subvert the entry process, are void. All Entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. Promotion Parties are not responsible for late, lost, stolen, damaged, delayed, or undelivered prizes.

10. OWNERSHIP OF ENTRIES: By submitting an Entry, you agree to be bound by these Official Rules and grant Sponsor an exclusive, fully paid-up and royalty-free, worldwide license to use, modify, delete

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Appendix A

