

WGVU PUBLIC MEDIA KIDS INVENTION CONTEST

Required Inventor's Entry Form for All Submissions

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Parent Email Address _____

If different from the above address:

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Name of Invention _____

Submitting an invention electronically:

- Submit Inventor's entry electronically by uploading video or picture(s) at wgvu.org/kidinvention.
- Participant videos should be 1-3 minutes in length (limit 3 minutes). Inventor's name, a description explaining what the name of the invention is, what problem it solves or is a new/easier way to do something and how the invention works must all be stated as part of the video.
- Required: Acknowledgement of the rules, permission to participate, and granting certain rights to entry materials via an electronic parent/guardian signature on online form.
- **Deadline for receipt (time stamp) of entries: March 31, 2018, 11:59pm**

Submitting an invention by mail:

- Mailed in entries must include the official WGVU Kids Invention Contest Entry Form- completed, legibly written with all contact information.
- Required: Acknowledgement of the rules, permission to participate, and granting certain rights to entry materials via parent/guardian signature on entry form.
- Submission must include a description explaining what the name of the invention is, what problem it solves or is a new/easier way to do something and how the invention works.
- Picture(s) of the invention must accompany full completed entry form.
- **Deadline for receipt (postmarked) of entries: March 31, 2018**
- Address for mailed in entries:

WGVU Public Media

WGVU Kids Invention Contest

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Required Registration Information Continued:

Name _____

Name of Invention _____

Where did you get the idea for your invention? _____

What problem does your invention solve/or is it an easier to do something?

Describe how your invention works _____



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Eligibility, Rules & Guidelines

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. The WGTV Kids Invention Contest is coordinated by WGTV Public Media. The Contest begins on November 1, 2017 and ends on March 31, 2018. Mailed in entries must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2018 and received by WGTV Public Media by April 6, 2018 to be eligible. Electronic submissions must be time stamped by 11:59pm on March 31, 2018 to be eligible. WGTV Public Media is not responsible for late entries due to mishandled mail or electronic submission errors.

Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must currently be in grades 4-8 (public, private, or home-schooled).
- Submissions must be the original work of the student. Adult supervision is allowed in the building/making of the model or prototype, but the idea and design must belong to only the student.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted in this contest, all subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- An "Inventor's Entry Form" must accompany the entry submission, including parent signature.
- All inventors must create a model or prototype of their invention.
- The invention must solve a problem or be a different or new way to do something.
- The prototype does not have to work, but must illustrate how the invention would work if it were operational.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Does the invention appear to be original or creative?
- Does the invention appear to be a unique solution to a problem?
- Does the invention appear to be the original, creative work/idea of the participant?
- Does the content of the written description clearly express the purpose of the invention, how the invention works and what problem does the invention solve?
- Does the context of the written description appear to be original to the participant?

Prizes

- Two winners will be chosen each month (November-April) and have their first name, name of invention, description of how their invention works and what problem it solves aired on WGTV-TV during kids programming and WGTV website.
- Winning inventors will be invited to attend the WGTV Education Celebration in May, where they will be recognized along with Cool Teacher and Kids Writer's Contest winners.
- Prizes are not redeemable for cash, non-transferable, and non-substitutable, except at the sole discretion of WGTV Public Media.

Return of Entries

The Contest administrators at WGTV Public Media will make every effort, but not required, to return mailed entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an appropriate size. WGTV Public Media is not responsible for the late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete, returned, or illegible entries, or the postage-due mail.

Parent's Role

Parents are encouraged to help their son/daughter with the gathering of materials to build/create their invention, encourage critical thinking skills of how to solve a problem or find a new/easier way to do something, foster ideas for designing, but most importantly all ideas must be original to their son/daughter.

Rights Associated with Content

Submission of the WGTV Kids Invention Contest Entry Form constitutes permission from the participant's parent/legal guardian for WGTV Public Media to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the Entry Form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made about the Contest in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. By entering, entrants' parent/legal guardian agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their child's/ward's entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to WGTV Public Media the right to promote, and otherwise use their entry materials without permission, notice or compensation. No royalties will be paid at this or any time. By submitting an entry and Entry Form, each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of the participant, agrees to assign all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to WGTV Public Media and warrants that the participant's parent/legal guardian has the authority to assign such right, title and interest. In the event that any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to effectuate such grant of rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with WGTV Public Media. WGTV Public Media does not profit in any way from any invention submitted by participants. Participants are cautioned that the contest is open to the public, and since portions will be aired on WGTV-TV, participants may find it necessary to take steps to secure certain intellectual property rights in their inventions.