The IP Law Industry: Young Inventor Sponsorship Program

EDUCATING AMERICA’S YOUTH ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING ONE’S INVENTIONS

PRESENTED BY: The STEMIE Coalition – A U.S. National 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (In Formation)
What is an Invention Convention?

It’s a predominantly in-school program that teaches K-12 students the process of invention

◦ Each child selects a problem in their life to solve
  ◦ The inventions can be very personal
    ◦ A way to turn out the light in the bedroom automatically when you fall asleep...
    ◦ A way for your best friend, who is in a wheelchair, to reach items on tall shelves...
    ◦ A way to keep your ball out of storm drains when playing street ball in the inner city...
  ◦ Inventions can also be very socially focused and sophisticated too
    ◦ An IV backpack for kids in chemotherapy so they can play while receiving treatment...
    ◦ A portable, non-refrigerated test for Ebola...
◦ Children are taught the process of invention and walked through the problem process to get to a prototype in the end
◦ Students are taught all about intellectual property – patents, trademarks, copyrights – and many kids file for provisional and full patents
◦ Students gather for an Invention Convention – similar to a science fair – to show their projects and compete for awards and scholarships
  ◦ Winners elevate from their local school convention to city-wide, regional, and state competitions
◦ Each year, kids across the U.S. successfully transcend the Invention Convention and take their products to market
Each Year, 600+ Invention Conventions Are Held Across the U.S.

but...
There is No National Competition to Encourage Youth Invention & Entrepreneurship

The STEMIE Coalition:

1. Provides a venue for national recognition (National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Exposition, NICEE) for K-12 invention and entrepreneurship

2. Provides organizational support to states where local initiatives need regional and statewide structure to enter the national stage

3. With partners, provides launch services for states where no such programs presently exist

Our goals are to have:

• All 50 states represented at the NICEE within 5 years
• More than 10 million student inventors nationwide within 5 years
• More than 10 million student entrepreneurs within 5 years
Announcing the 2016 1st Annual National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo

300 U.S. State Winners
100 Innovative Teachers
80 Judges
> 50%/50% Girls/Boys
~ 25-30% Underserved

The First National Celebration of K-12 Inventors and Entrepreneurs

Hosted By:
United States Patent and Trademark Office
We Need Your Help!

Our Needs:

✓ Each state affiliate of the National Invention Convention needs to raise funds to send their students to D.C. to take part in the competition

1. Airfare, Bus, Train transportation costs
2. Hotel for up to three nights
3. Food for up to four days
4. Registration fees for the conference
5. Similar expenses for their chaperons
How You Can Help

INTRODUCING the National Young Inventor Sponsorship Program

Exclusively sponsored by this nation’s IP legal industry

Your $2500 donation:

✓ Pays for the transportation, lodging, food, and registration fees for a named young invention convention winner to attend the National Invention Convention

✓ Subsidizes a portion of a state-level chaperone’s similar fees to accompany the child to D.C.

✓ Subsidizes a portion of the event costs to make this happen each year

All donations are tax-deductible
The average state has more than 15 kids to send to D.C. in 2016!

Will you sponsor one child?
Thank You!

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Additional Detail
Elevating Invention and Entrepreneurship in K-12

Our mission is to have every child in every school become an inventor and/or entrepreneur and instill problem-solving, problem-identification, entrepreneurship, and creativity skills for life, through inventing, innovating, and entrepreneurial activities.
Building the Future Workforce

**STEM**

- Kids are given *well-defined* problems to solve in structured environments
- Specific goals, clearly defined solution paths, and clear outcomes

**STEMIE**

**INVENTION**

- The application of STEM to a problem through the invention process, yielding a solution

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

- The commercialization of a solution into a market-ready product

**STEM**

- The creation of foundational knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

A focus on STEM alone doesn’t create students with all the necessary skills imperative to companies and society at large, and leaves out a big portion of the creativity and talent available.

**Invention And Entrepreneurship**

- Kids find *ill-defined* problems to solve and/or opportunities to exploit
- Ill-defined problems and opportunities require different skills to navigate the lack of clear goals, solution paths, or expected solutions
These Kids Can Change the World

Hi Mallory!
The Hiccupops arrived and have already been put to good use. My husband was a doubter, but was willing to try anything to get relief. Although the hiccups return, the pops keep him hiccup-free for over an hour and holds off the necessity to take drugs with side effects. Although I wish their effect lasted longer, we are happy for relief.

Thanks for addressing the problem. Cancer has certainly opened our eyes to this debilitating condition. We will be ordering Hiccupops again. – A customer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vl7m4kmlU

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