

COMPETITIONS FOR YOUNG INVENTORS

Student Ideas for A Better America

is a monthly contest open to students (K-8, 9-12). Students are asked to think of a new way to demonstrate an educational concept, or an idea for a new product (or an improvement for an existing product or procedure). The best student idea in each division (K-8 and 9-12) each month wins \$100.

Winning entries may be eligible for inclusion in the FREY Scientific catalog (pages 1-5), students would receive royalties.

For more information, contact:

National Museum of Education
80 West Bowery Street, Suite 305
Akron, OH 44308
Phone: 330.376.8300 (<http://www.nmoe.org>)



Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors

for students in grades 5 – 8. Students can demonstrate their ingenuity by creating an invention that incorporates the use of rubber bands. More than \$20,000 in prizes will be awarded!

For more information: <http://rubberbandcontest.org/>



Bubble Wrap® Competition for Young Inventors

Sealed Air Corporation, the creator of Bubble Wrap® cushioning, is sponsoring the Bubble Wrap® Competition for Young Inventors to encourage 2008–2009 students in grades 5–8 to demonstrate their creativity and ingenuity by creating an invention that incorporates the use of Bubble Wrap® cushioning For information:

<http://www.nmoe.org/bubblewrap/winners08.html> or
<http://www.sealedair.com/index.htm>



FOR TEAMS

TOYchallenge is open to teams of kids in grades 5-8 in the U.S. and its territories or possessions. Astronaut Sally Ride along with Smith College and Hasbro sponsor this contest. Teams must have 3-8 members (at least half of them must be girls) must work with a coach—teachers, business people, community members—who is at least 18 years of age. The goal is to create and design an interactive learning toy or game.

Toy Challenge

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San Diego, CA 92122
www.toychallenge.com

ExploraVision, a competition sponsored by Toshiba and the National Science Teachers Association, open to students in grades K-12, asks students to study a present technology, envision its future and present their findings on a website. Winning teams receive U.S. EE Savings Bonds ranging in value from \$10,000 to \$2,500 and national

finalist team members and their parents travel to Washington, D.C. in June for ExploraVision Awards Weekend.
Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards
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Arlington, VA 22201-3000
For information, call 1-800-EXPLOR9
e-mail: exploravision@nsta.org or visit our
<http://www.exploravision.org>

eCYBERMISSION, an online competition sponsored by the U.S. Army, asks students to use math, science and technology to solve a community problem. Open to students enrolled in either 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade at U.S.-based public or private school, a Department of Defense (DOD) school abroad, a U.S.-based home school or home school students taught by U.S. citizens. Prizes include U.S. savings bonds ranging in value up to \$5,000.
email: missioncontrol@ecybermission.com
<http://www.ecybermission.com>

InvenTeams is a national Lemelson-MIT Program that provides grants of \$10,000 to teams of high school students working with teachers and industry mentors. The goal of the teams is to invent something of value for their school or local community.
The Lemelson-MIT Program
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Cambridge, MA 02139
617-253-3352
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The National Gallery For America's Young Inventors is a museum of young American inventors. The National Gallery inducts six young people in grades K- 12 annually. Applicants must have won a national invention competition or be a patent holder or have patent pending for their invention or have a product based on their invention that is being sold in stores nationwide. Awards include permanent display of invention, trip to awards ceremony and U.S. Savings Bonds.
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FOR IDEAS, STORIES, AND TIPS ON INVENTING, CHECK OUT
Kids Inventing! A Handbook for Young Inventors (Wiley/Jossey Bass)
www.susancaseybooks.com

