



# CONNECTICUT INVENTION CONVENTION

## Guidelines for Inventors

1. An invention must be the product of a single inventor. Pair or group inventions are not allowed.
2. An invention must meet the following definition:

*An invention must have utility; it must solve a real problem. It is something that no one has ever made before. It cannot be purchased in a store or found in a book. An invention may be a non-obvious improvement to an existing object that yields new utility*
3. The cost of the invention should not exceed \$25. Inventors are encouraged to use recycled materials.
4. The invention must be accompanied by a self-standing display board (requiring no more than 24 inches of table space) that includes the following information:
  - The title of the invention
  - A description of the problem the invention solves
  - A description of how the invention works
  - The inventor's name, grade, and school
5. The inventor must submit a log or report that includes the following information:
  - A written statement of the purpose of the invention and the problem it solves
  - A list of materials used
  - A list of steps taken to complete the invention, including a description of any problems encountered and drawings or pictures of attempts that failed
  - A statement of originality, including description of what the inventor did to establish that the invention does not already exist, with parent verification
6. The invention must fit in a space that is two feet by two feet; larger invention should be represented by a working model.