

2017 Torrance Legacy Creativity Awards Invention Guidelines

Let your originality and imagination soar!

a. Arts and Leisure

Do you enjoy making movies or ballet dancing? Are you an avid fisherman or reader? Is vegetable gardening or biking your passion? What could you invent to make your experience of these activities even better?

Describe your art or leisure invention using words, diagrams, pictures or other illustrations. Include thoughts on how it works, why it is useful or fun, and who will enjoy the art or leisure invention.

b. Science and Engineering

Have you thought up a gadget, machine or device? We want to see it! Maybe it's still just a conceptual idea or maybe you've made a model or even a finished product. It can also be a new scientific discovery--or a hack that makes an old product or process better. It just has to involve science, engineering or both.

Describe your science or engineering invention using words, diagrams, pictures or other illustrations. Include thoughts on how it works, why it is useful, and who benefits from the science or engineering invention.

c. Toys and Games

Perhaps you have an idea for a game, activity or toy based on one of your interests or a need you see. Some people generate games all the time, on the fly. You can develop a toy or game for any age group, from babies to the elderly! In other words, you might just be a person who invents games all the time!

Describe your toy or game using words, diagrams, pictures or other illustrations. Include thoughts on how it works, why it is useful or fun, and who will play with the toy or game.

Great ideas can improve over time. When you think you're done, set your invention aside for a few days. Then look at it again with a fresh mind, and then make changes as needed before submitting it.

Give your invention entry an original, creative title. Then find a theme from the list that best describes your invention. Write a 300-500 word description and provide drawings or photos as appropriate for your invention. Send your submission to Connie Phelps at cphelps@emporia.edu

Thank you for applying for the Inventions award!

We hope you enjoy the process of participating in this dimension of the
International Torrance Legacy Creativity Awards.