

Rules and Regulations: SAFETY is first and foremost. FAIRNESS to all participants is just as important.

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: The most frequent infractions occur with Rules 1 through 6. Share with students!

Proper attention to safety is expected of all participants, including compliance with the following requirements:

If you do not understand a rule, please ask. Contact inventors @edisonfairs.org in advance.

Do not wait until the week of the fair.

General Rules: At first some of the rules will seem unnecessary or harsh. Please give a little extra thought to first impressions. Safer methods are shared that may even be more reliable and save time .

1. Each participant will be allowed a 32 inch by 18 inch display area. A tri-section display board is recommended and must be stable. (See dimensions below) The space directly underneath the exhibit table may be used.
2. **NO oversized exhibits or large floor models.** (Aisle space must be free from objects protruding from under tables.) Smaller models, photos, illustrations or videos are suggested in place of over sized prototypes.
3. **NO live animals** are allowed to be part of an invention exhibit. (Inanimate models, photos, illustrations and videos may be used.) The presence of a service animal will require advanced notification to administrators. The exhibit hall can get crowded and stress even a service animal. Allergies and phobias require precautions.
4. **NO awards, medals, endorsements or acknowledgements from previous fairs.**
5. **NO Electrical outlet access.** No open-top cell batteries allowed.
6. **NO foods, liquids, powders, plants and soils.** Potential health or physical hazards inclusive of toxic chemicals, potential allergens, or microorganisms are not allowed.
7. **NO laboratory/household chemicals, poisons, drugs, controlled substances, hazardous substances or devices** (for example: firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, model rockets).
8. **NO sharp items (for example: syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)**
9. **NO flames, open or concealed, or highly flammable materials**
10. **NO gases or empty tanks previously containing combustible liquids or gases, including butane or propane.**
11. **NO preserved tissues or body parts, human or animal.**
12. **NO photographs or other visual presentations of animal surgeries or dissections**
13. **Avoid all brand names, logos or acknowledgements OTHER THAN YOUR OWN,** unless written permission has been granted from the owners of the intellectual property.
14. **No hand-held laser pointers of any power. No operation of Class III or Class IV lasers**

Exhibit table space

Width (side to side): 32 inches (81 centimeters)

Depth (front to back): 18 inches (45 centimeters)

Area directly under this table space may be used for storing prototypes/models

Ideal Size of Physical Tri-fold Display Board - must be stable

Depth (front to back): 18 inches (45 centimeters)

Width (side to side): 48 inches (122 centimeters) full opened. Display in the exhibit space with sides folded.

Height (floor to top): preferably 36 inches (91centimeters); Regional maximum 72 inches (182 centimeters)

Brace A stabilizing brace with side panel slots may be helpful to bridge across the span.

Displayed Items

1. **Logbook/workbook** should be displayed with your project.
2. **Prototype** must be of a size to fit within the 32" x 18" exhibit table space provided. If too small to view, use illustrations, photos, and/or videos to demonstrate. If too large to fit, make a smaller model or use illustrations, photos, and/or videos to demonstrate.

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3. Display Board: To be fair to all participants oversized displays will be penalized points to be determined by the magnitude of the infraction. If unsafe, disqualification will be required.

Display Safety Requirements

Proper attention to safety is expected of all participants, including compliance with the following requirements:

1. Properly fasten all structural components. Nails, tacks, or unshielded staples are not acceptable.
2. Permissible battery operated equipment include: Computer Laptops and Tablets, Smart or Cell phones.
3. Operation of any equipment or devices other than those shared in #3 shall be shared by video, photos, or illustrations.
4. Avoid any items placed in the aisle or protruding into the aisle.

Edison Fairs Display & Safety Inspectors will disqualify any exhibit which does not comply with all preceding Project Display Rules. Fair Directors may be requested to confirm the inspector's decision.

Loss or Damage

EDISON FAIRS and FACILITY SERVING AS THE VENUE FOR THE FAIRS assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any project or project part. Valuable items should be simulated or removed when the student is not present at his/her project.

Regulations to Participate

The Events are open only to K-12 students. By participating in the Edison Fairs, you release, discharge and hold harmless the Edison Fairs, its respective sponsors/donors, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies and the respective officers, directors, employees and agents of each of the foregoing, from any and all damages whether direct or indirect, which may be due to or arise out of participation in the Fairs or any portion thereof, or the acceptance, use/misuse or possession of any prize. By participating, you agree to these Official Rules and to the decisions of the judges and Special Award Sponsors, which are final and binding in all respects.

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By submitting an Entry, you or your authorized representative represent and warrant that the work submitted is original to you and that neither it nor its contents infringes upon or violates the rights of any third party. If your Entry includes likenesses of third parties or contains elements not owned by you, (such as, but not limited to, company logos) you must be able to provide legal releases for such use in a form satisfactory to the potentially infringed Party or your Entry will be at risk of disqualification. Entries may not defame or invade the publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or proprietary rights.

REQUIREMENTS OF CONTEST

ENTRIES may not contain, as determined by the Edison Fairs, in its sole discretion, any contents:

- 1) unnecessarily violent or derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group; profane or pornographic;

- 2) promoting alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing); promoting any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous; promoting any particular political agenda or message;
- 3) obscene or offensive; endorsing any form of hate or hate group; Defaming, misrepresenting or containing disparaging remarks about other people or companies;
- 4) containing trademarks, logos, or trade dress (such as distinctive packaging or building exteriors/interiors) owned by others, without permission;
- 5) revealing any personal identification, such as license plate numbers, personal names, e-mail addresses or street addresses;
- 6) of copyrighted materials owned by others (including photographs, sculptures, paintings, and other works of art or images published on or in websites, television, movies or other media), without written permission;
- 7) of any individual other than you and/or any materials embodying the names, likenesses, voices, or other indicia identifying any person, including, without limitation, celebrities and/or other public or private figures, living or dead, **without providing legal releases** for such use in a form satisfactory to Sponsor;
- 8) of look-alikes of celebrities or other public or private figures, living or dead;
- 9) of messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or good will to which Sponsor wishes to associate; and/or

By Submitting an Entry,

- 1) you represent and warrant that your Entry is original to you and that neither it nor its contents infringes upon or violates the rights of any third party, including any copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property.
- 2) you consent to the submission and use of the Entry in the Contest.
- 3) you acknowledge and agree that Edison Fairs may receive other Entries under this Promotion that may be similar or identical to the Entry submitted by you, and you waive any and all claims you may have had, may have, and/or may have in the future, that any other Entry reviewed and/or used by Edison Fairs may be similar to your Entry and you understand that you will not be entitled to any compensation because of Edison Fairs use of such other similar or identical material.
4. WINNER NOTIFICATION: Cash prizes and scholarships will be awarded only upon winner redemption, confirmation, verification and final approval by Sponsor/Donor. No substitution, transfer of any prize or cash alternative permitted, except by Sponsor/Donor who reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute a prize of equal or greater value, if prize, or portion of prize, becomes unavailable. Potential winner becomes the "Winner" only after verification of eligibility by Sponsor/Donor. All cash prizes will be fulfilled by check or wire transfer in approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks after the promotion has ended. If the potential winning entrant of any prize cannot be contacted within 60 days; is ineligible; fails to claim the prize; if the Prize Notification is returned undeliverable; or if the potential winner otherwise fails to fully comply with these Official Rules, he/she will forfeit that prize.

5. Edison Fairs shall not be held responsible for late, lost, incomplete, corrupted, stolen, garbled, damaged, delayed, undelivered or misdirected Entries, all of which are void. Online Entries will be considered to be entered by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at time of entry and he/she must comply with these Official Rules. The authorized account holder is deemed as the natural person who is assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, online service provider or other organization that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address.

6. Winners grant Edison Fairs the right to print, publish, broadcast, and use world-wide in any media now known or later developed, the winner's name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, city and state of residence, and biographical information for any purpose, including but not limited to, in advertisements, publicity, and other communications, worldwide, in perpetuity, without additional compensation, notification or permission, except where prohibited by law. You agree to comply with these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor and judges shall be binding and final.

7. RELEASE: As a condition of entering the Promotion, you agree that:

(1) under no circumstances will you be permitted to obtain awards for, and you hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, consequential or any other damages, and any claims, judgments or awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket expenses;

(2) all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Promotion, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and

(3) in no event will you be entitled to receive attorneys' fees.

8. BY ENTERING THE PROMOTION, YOU AGREE TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS PROMOTION PARTIES AND THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND AGENTS OF EACH, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE OF ANY KIND TO PERSONS, INCLUDING DEATH, AND PROPERTY, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, WHICH MAY BE DUE TO OR ARISE OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMOTION OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, OR THE ACCEPTANCE, USE/MISUSE OR POSSESSION OF PRIZES, OR ANY PRIZE-RELATED TRAVEL OR ACTIVITY.

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(4) Edison Fairs may stop you from participating in this Promotion if you violate Official Rules or act, in Sponsor's sole discretion:

(a) in a manner Sponsor determines to be not fair;

(b) with the intent to annoy, threaten or harass any other entrant or the Sponsor; or

(c) in any other disruptive manner.

10. CAUTION: ANY ACT OR ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THIS PROMOTION IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS. SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, PROMOTION PARTIES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES AND OTHER REMEDIES (INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES) FROM ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL(S) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

11. TAX INFORMATION: All federal, state, local, and other taxes on awards and any other costs and expenses associated with award acceptance, are the sole responsibility of the applicable winner. A 1099 tax form will be issued to the winners of awards valued at over \$600.