



Young Inventors' Showcase
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Volunteer Judge Description

What is Young Inventors' Showcase?

Young Inventors' Showcase is an opportunity for kids in grades kinder to eighth grade to participate in a school-wide or city-wide invention Showcase. The grand prize winner of the city-wide showcase held at the Children's Museum wins an opportunity to work with a patent attorney to apply for a patent for their invention. Judges for the showcase will help judge at a school campus, district building, or at the city-wide Showcase at the Museum.

The primary objective of our Showcase Judge Program is:

- To provide expert judging at school-wide, district-wide and the city-wide Showcases.

Showcase Judges ARE:

- Inventors
- Engineers
- Industrial and product designers
- Venture capitalists
- Patent agents and/or attorneys
- Product marketing
- Consumer product researchers
- Other professionals in relevant careers

Showcase Judges MUST:

- Adhere to the Museum's Policies and Procedures for the Showcase events.
- Use their professional expertise combined with the Showcase judging rubric to provide feedback and advice on Showcase entrees.
- Interact directly with Showcase entrants, their parents and in some cases teachers.
- Give encouragement, complements and advice to entrants, but not give conclusive comments to entrants on the patent or winner potential for their invention.
- Arrive on time and complete required shift.
- Notify Museum as early as possible if unable to work.
- Sign in/out for each shift and dress in business casual attire.

Shift and Schedule Information:

Judging shifts vary depending on the date and time of each Showcase. After receiving your Showcase Judge Registration Form, we will confirm receipt and send you a schedule of campus-wide, school district-wide, and city-wide Showcase dates and times. Judges are expected to arrive thirty minutes prior to the beginning of their confirmed event and will be given a brief orientation of the YIS judging. Judging for the Showcase will take place at different local school campuses, district buildings, and at the Children's Museum of Houston.

Please fill out the Young Inventors' Showcase Judge Registration Form.



**Children's
Museum
of Houston**

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You may fax, mail or e-mail this form to request a date and shift to help judge. Judges for the Young Inventors' Showcase will judge at a school campus, district building, or the Children's Museum of Houston.

Your Name: _____

Name of Group/Company: _____

Professional Expertise: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-Mail: _____

After receiving your YIS Judge Registration Form, we will send you a confirmation of receipt and (in January) a schedule of campus-wide, school district-wide, and the city-wide Showcase dates and times. Please look over the schedule and contact Jennifer Martinez Belt or Mindalyn Galli with the dates and times that work best for you.

Remember:

- Please wear business casual attire. Comfortable shoes are suggested.
- **Your registration is not complete until you receive a confirmation letter from the Museum.**

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