



Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2010 **SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM JUNIOR/SENIOR DIVISION**

Overview

The Scientist Training Program inaugurated at the 2006 Austin Energy Regional Science Festival. The program seeks to expand participation in the Science Festival; it is available to students in the junior and senior divisions.

The Scientist Training Program provides an opportunity for students who might otherwise not participate in a science fair experience; please see "Participation" below. It strives to include students who may be from a school initiating a Science Fair program, or students for whom compliance with rules and regulations would present a challenge.

Although the paperwork requirements may differ, students in the Scientist Training Program are required to follow the modified rules and guidelines of the program.

IMPORTANT: Because of the more lenient requirements, students who participate in the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival under this program cannot advance to State or International competitions.

Teacher Training

Upon request, orientation sessions will be provided to teachers, parents or others assisting students participating in the program. The sessions will provide step-by-step, user-friendly assistance for those who help students research, develop and prepare their science project.

Participation

Participation is encouraged for the following students (including home schools, charter schools, etc.):

- Students from a school that is initiating a science fair program
- Students from special populations (who are faced with limitations beyond their control, such as learning differences, language differences, etc.) whose projects did not win at the school science fair.

Selection of individuals or teams to participate in the program is at the discretion of the school's science fair coordinator. The coordinator may choose to accept recommendations from others (judges, teachers, counselors, assistant principals, etc.).

The school science fair coordinator or designee should register Scientist Training students' projects online at www.sciencefest.austinenergy.com

- Each school may select up to 19 individual or team projects to participate
- Projects must complete the registration process, including Scientist Training Program fee payment
- All projects must conform to all Display & Safety rules of the Science Festival and must pass Display & Safety review to be allowed to set up in the exhibit hall
- All Scientist Training Program projects will be evaluated by judges
- Students are strongly encouraged to be present during judging
- Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation, delivered to their school
- Students are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony

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Intel ISEF Form Requirements: Junior/Senior Divisions

The Scientist Training Program is a learning experience for students. While we do not expect these students to fulfill all Intel ISEF requirements the first time, all projects:

- Must include: Checklist for Adult Sponsor (I), Student Checklist (IA), Research Plan, Approval Form (IB), and an Abstract.
- Must adhere to all safety rules.
- Require a SRC Project Review after submission (a modified review will be conducted. This means paperwork will not be sent back to the school to correct for small errors such as an incomplete address or phone number).

Registration Deadlines

Projects entered in the program must complete online registration by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2010.

Scientist Training Program projects cannot register under the late registration option.

Registration Fees

The \$35 school fee is required. If the school is also registering other projects, only one \$35 school fee is required.

The Project Fee is \$5 per Scientist Training Program project in any division.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Please specify any needed ADA accommodations. The Palmer Events Center complies with ADA requirements.

Please note on the Science Festival online registration if a motorized chair or other oversized mechanism is used by the student. The project exhibit hall aisles are five feet wide; if the student has specific accessibility requirements, the project may require alternative placement.

If interpreters are required (language, sign language, etc.), please state if your school will provide them or if you will work with the Science Festival to secure the needed interpreter.

Students with a severe medical condition requiring constant care must be accompanied at all times by an adult.

Contact

A school representative may contact the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival if there are any questions:

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