



CONNECTICUT SCIENCE FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

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2017 SPECIAL AWARDS PROGRAM

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Dear Colleague:

2017 marks the 69th year of the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair. The Fair will be held at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, March 14 through 18. The Fair provides an important opportunity to encourage 7th through 12th grade Connecticut students to develop and pursue an interest in science and engineering. Each year more than 10,000 Connecticut youngsters develop science and engineering projects with more than 120 schools participating in our program.

Our program is the result of the generosity of the more than eighty corporate, government, and nonprofit organizations, alumni, and friends that present over 400 awards each year to provide the valuable recognition and encouragement these students deserve for their efforts.

We invite you to sponsor one or more special awards each having a minimum value of \$100. A registration fee of \$100 is required for new business sponsors. The fee is waived for professional societies and non-profits as well as for sponsors that have sponsored the fair in the past. We ask that you consider a minimum of \$100 for each award.

Additional Information is available at the fair web site www.ctsciencefair.org.

Please complete and return the registration form.

Your organization's staff members are invited to judge your awards or alternatively the Fair will assign judges. This year special award judging will be conducted on Wednesday, March 15 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (without the students present) and Thursday, March 16 from 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM for Finalist judging (student interviews). You may chose to judge on either or both days. The Special Awards presentation takes place 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 18.

The Fair Committee sincerely hopes that your organization will be able to participate in this year's special awards recognition program. A small investment in our state's youngsters will pay big dividends in the years ahead.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Please email or call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Wisner
Fair Director

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR SPECIAL AWARDS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Purpose of Program

The special awards program is intended to provide recognition for student research in fields of interest to Connecticut and national engineering and scientific groups.

Award Guidelines

PLEASE!! The minimum equivalent cash value for each award is \$100. Awards may be directed at the student or a combination of the student, advisor, and school. Recognizing the student's advisor and/or school are optional, but an excellent means to get additional media recognition for the student and the sponsoring organization. Advisors/mentors are the unsung heroes of the science fair process and their recognition is highly encouraged.

Middle school awards are intended to encourage the students to continue their science interests. It is suggested that relatively small awards be given to a larger number of students. Projects need not be the best in class. Novelty of idea, an interesting measurement approach, good spirit, etc. may cause you to bestow your award to a student who might not otherwise receive high placement in the regular fair awards.

Senior high school awards range from the \$100 minimum to major awards of \$1,000 or more to be applied to the student's college expenses.

A organization sponsoring a major award (viz., \$500 or more) may withdraw the award if no suitable candidate is found. In this case in the spirit of the special awards program, it is suggested that smaller multiple awards be considered for worthy projects outside the sponsor's field of interest in the event that the perfect candidate can not be identified.

The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair awards program is financial need "blind" and student financial information will not be provided nor may it be requested from the student within the framework of our competition.

The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair is an equal opportunity organization in all of its activities and functions.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AWARDS

Scholarships	Calculators	Personal Computing Equipment
U.S. Savings Bonds	Gift Certificates	Certificates of Achievement
Cash Awards	Books	Scientific/Professional Equipment
Plaques	Trips	Subscriptions
Memberships	Medals	Merchandise
Internships	Summer Programs	Invitations to a Society Annual Meeting

Special Award Registration Form Instructions

Organization Name: Provide the award(s) sponsor name as you want it to appear in the program and in media releases. Do not abbreviate unless that is the way you want it to appear.

Contact Information:

Name: Full name of contact

Title: Liaison's title at affiliation's address.

Affiliation: Name of business for mailing address

Address 1: Mail stops and box numbers on first line

Address 2: Street address

Town/State/Zip:

Day phone: Where we can reach liaison during the business day.

Evening Phone: Where we can reach liaison in the evening.

Email: An address that you check fairly frequently

Awards: Previous year's awards as they appear in the data base. Provide details for current year awards on lines at bottom half of form.

Judges: Judging Registration is Online at <http://www.ctsciencefair.org/help/volunteer-judge>

Please limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of your awards. The "care and feed-ing" of each judge costs the fair approximately \$35. The special awards program leverages the fair's operating budget in the form of special awards.

Will Present Award(s): Your organization may present its awards. This is optional. Presentation is limited to a short statement consisting of the sponsor's name, award criteria, award, winner's name, age, grade, school, and advisor. CSF will award for sponsor if answer is no.

May We Publicize? If response is no, the name of sponsoring organization will not appear in fair literature or press releases. Our publicity efforts focus on the students who are finalists. Schools generally provide additional media releases for their students. Award sponsors should consider preparing their own releases to maximize media coverage.

Total Value of Awards: Please provide the total dollar value of your awards. Include estimates of dinners for students, trips, etc.

Contribution to Fair: We ask that a minimum contribution of \$100 (\$50 for alumni) be provided to help defray hosting expenses. This is waived for small societies and volunteer groups.

Retain copy of form for your records.

2017 Special Awards Program Registration
February 21 Deadline

Organization Name: _____

Award Title _____

(if different from Organization Name)

Contact:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____

Eve. Phone: _____

Email: _____ **Org. Web URL:** _____

Awards: _____

Judges: Please Have Judges register at: <http://www.ctsciencefair.org>

Will Present Award Sat. Morning: No / Yes

May We Publicize? Yes / No

Total Value of Awards: _____

Awards Information

Awards Description-

Award 1: _____

Award 2: _____

Award 3: _____

Award 4: _____

Award 5: _____

Award 6: _____

(Entry Example: 1st Place; For excellence in microbiology; \$200 cash, plaque, and invitation to dinner)

(Use additional paper if needed!)

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