

Florida Regional Junior Science, Engineering, and Humanities Symposium

STEM Research Speaker and Poster Competition - Application Guidelines

Purpose: The STEM Research Speaker and Poster Competitions are opportunities for 11th and 12th grade high school students to present original scientific research to peers and expert judges. Up to 24 students will be invited to compete in the Speaker Competition and up to 20 students will be invited to compete in the Poster Competition.

Awards: The first through fourth place Research Speaker Competition Winners and the Poster Competition Winner will receive a sponsored trip to the National JSHS. The first through third place Research Speaker Winners will receive tuition-based scholarship in the amount of \$2000, \$1500, \$1000 respectively. The first and second place Research Speaker Competition Winners will represent Florida at the national speaker competition to compete for an additional up to \$12,000 in scholarship prize money. The third and fourth place Research Speaker Winners, along with the Competitive Poster Winner, will represent Florida at the national poster competition for cash and prize awards.

Please note: Students must be a citizen or permanent resident of the US or US territory to be eligible for these government-sponsored awards, travel, and national symposium.

Due Date: Speaker Competition Applications are due **November 12**. Poster Competition Applications are due **December 3**.

Notifications: Students will be notified by **December 11** via email. Students invited to compete will receive a \$225 quad room occupancy registration fee waiver. Students are required to attend the entire Florida Regional JSEHS to be eligible for the competition. One teacher sponsor per school will receive a fee \$275 double room occupancy fee waiver. Competition Guidelines and Judging Criteria are available from the Florida Regional JSEHS website (www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/jsehs).

Eligibility: Students currently in the 11th or 12th grade who have conducted an original, independent research project and demonstrated outstanding verbal presentation skills are invited to apply. Team presentations are not allowed. Individuals working on a team project may apply to present individually.

Students may apply for both the Speaker Competition and the Poster Competition, but may only compete in one. Students may only compete in the either competition once.

Students who applied in their 11th grade year, but were not selected for a competition, may submit an application the following year provided the student completed a new research project or added significantly to the previous year's project.

Application: Only electronic applications through the cVent Registration System will be accepted. A link is provided on the Florida Regional JSEHS and National JSHS Websites. All Competition Applicants are required to fill out this "Registration." Please note- if a student is not selected for the Competition, they are not required to attend the symposium (although we encourage all students to attend as there are many great activities planned).

Statement of Outside Assistance: Complete the Statement of Outside Assistance Form available on the cVent Information Page and on the Florida Regional JSEHS website (www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/jsehs). A portion of this form must be completed by your research mentor or sponsoring teacher (if research was conducted under your teacher's supervision).

Research Abstract: Follow the Abstract Template: www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/jsehs 250 word maximum in 10 to 12 point font, include up to three scientific references.

Research Paper Speaker Apps Only: 20 page limit, including appendices. 12 point Times New Roman, double spaced. See Research Paper Format & Guidelines Handout.

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