

Hello OSEF Teachers and Students,

The excitement continues. Just like your schools, OSEF is following the directions of the CDC and our Federal, State and Local leadership as all of us work together to protect everyone in this health crisis.

With the closure of schools and to give all of us some breathing space, the OSEF Team has decided to postpone the OSEF Virtual Fair to the following dates:

Senior Division projects (9th -12th grade) –

April 20 – 24 – Online Zoom interviews

April 17 – Deadline for submission of Interview items (Abstract and (1) JPG image of project display)

- When submitting the items, please name your files in the following format: **Abstract_School name_Student** last name (in the case of a team project, it should be the last name of the team leader) For example: **Abstract_Glendale_Norgren**

Junior Division projects (5th -8th grade) –

April 27 – May 15 - Online Zoom interviews

April 24 – Deadline for submission of Interview items (Abstract and (1) JPG image of project display)

- When submitting the items, please name your files in the following format: **Abstract_School name_Student** last name (in the case of a team project, it should be the last name of the team leader) For example: **Abstract_Glendale_Norgren**

Virtual Fair Rules/Procedures

• **Judge Interviews:**

- Judge Interviews will be conducted on a web conferencing platform called Zoom.
- Students will need to have access to the Internet and on a device (computer, laptop, tablet, or phone) that has microphone capability. Video is not required but can be used if the student has that capability.
- Students will be assigned interview times and it will be the responsibility of the teacher to notify the Fair Director of extraordinary conflicts that cannot be accommodated. It will be expected that each student will make every conceivable effort to cooperate with the assigned interview time. Interview times will be scheduled during between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Central Time.
- In the case of Team projects, all members of the team need to be present at the assigned interview time. With the online interview process, team members would not need to be physically in the same location for the interview, just logged in from where ever they are, at the correct time to the online interview session.
- Each interview will be limited to 15 minutes. The student will be given the opportunity to provide a VERY brief overview of their project (the elevator version, 3 min. max). Students will not be allowed to use PPT or other similar presentation platforms. The student must rely on their verbal description and interview discussion. The remainder of the time (approximately 12 minutes) will be for conversation between judge and project researcher(s).

• **Judging Evaluation**

- Students will be evaluated using a numerical scoring sheet. (a sample copy will be forwarded to you in a follow up email.)
- Placement winners will be determined by the average of judge scores.

- Judge score sheet will include a recommendation by the judges whether the project should be considered for Grand Awards

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we work to provide a quality judging and learning experience for your students. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have.