

2025 Junior Division Welcome Letter



December 20, 2024

Congratulations on being selected a winner and having an outstanding project at your Regional Science Fair. We at the Science Education Foundation of Indiana are pleased to extend an invitation to you to participate in the 37th Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair that will be on April 5, 2025 in Indianapolis at IU Indianapolis. Updates will be posted at https://sefi.org/hoosier-science-engineering-fair/

Please read all the information in this packet carefully and comply with all of the guidelines to ensure a trouble-free event.

Enclosures with this letter include:

- 1. General Information.
- 2. Display and Safety Guidelines
- 3. Waiver of liability
- 4. W-9 (required of all projects)

Your project submission closely follows the submission for your regional fair. You should have the following items already loaded into your e-portfolio account. If you are missing a required element, you should upload the missing item(s) as soon as possible.

- A **30 second** "elevator speech" audio or video about the project. (this must be a YouTube Short video submitted as a link)
- A **7-10 page** PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation of the most significant parts of your research project. (pdf format only)

Additional/optional items may be on your e-portfolio.

- A pdf of your finalized project report if you did one.
- Copies/samples of your data book/ project log
- A photo of you and team members (head and shoulder images only please)

Again, Congratulations on your good work.

Glen M. Cook, Jr.

Executive Director, SEFI



INFORMATION SHEET – 2025 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair

Please note this year's program is being held at IU Indianapolis and is a one day event taking place on Saturday, April 5, 2025

Registration to compete at the State Science Fair

- All student exhibitors will be identified by the Regional Fair director or their designee. NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO SETUP AND COMPETE IF THEIR REGISTRATION WAS NOT SUBMITTED BY THE REGIONAL FAIR.
- On-site check-in opens at 8:00 A.M. The schedule with other information about the State Fair is on the website
 https://sefi.org/hoosier-science-engineering-fair/. The Annual Program will be available for download on the
 website.

Student Participant Information

- 1. One hundred twenty Junior Division candidates (grades 4-8) are invited to exhibit. These students are the top winners at their Regional Science Fair.
- 2. All students are required to sign the liability waiver form and submit a paper copy during registration.
- 3. All students must be present at all the HSEF (judging and awards programs) in order to be eligible to receive any prize or award.

Judging

Judging will be ongoing throughout the week before the fair by reviewing your submissions to your e-portfolio. On the day of the event, students will have scheduled interview periods with judges both before and after lunch. During "non-scheduled" interview periods, students need to remain at their projects so that judges from special awards organizations can interview the exhibitors. **During judging, only judges, student competitors and Event Staff will be permitted in the judging areas**.

If students are approached by a judge or other event attendee for any information other than that related to conducting the research project, the student should contact a member of the event staff immediately.

NOTICE: Due to space constraints, Fire Marshall Occupancy standards, parents and teachers will not be permitted in the area during the judging day.