



STANYS SCIENCE TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK STATE



Dear Regional Science Congress Finalist,

Congratulations on being chosen to compete in the STANYS New York State Science Congress, to be held at the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology (MOST) in Syracuse, NY on June 13, 2020. Your selection allows you to participate in one of New York State's premier science research competitions. Please review the following information thoroughly. If you cannot attend, let me know by March 25, 2020

STANYS NEW YORK STATE SCIENCE CONGRESS

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST), 500 South Franklin Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

The Fair Director, Mrs. Joan Wagner will provide the names of finalists from the **Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair** to the Science Congress Director, Dr. Peter Plumley. The registration fee of \$100 (for you and one chaperone) will be paid by the **Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair** and sent directly to the Science Congress Director, Dr. Peter Plumley. When completing the online registration form, state your regional fair, **Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair** will cover the cost of you and your chaperone. Additional chaperones cost \$50 each. Send the fee for additional chaperones directly to: **Mr. Peter Plumley, 500 South Franklin Street, Syracuse, NY 13202**. (Your regional fair will not pick up the cost for extra chaperones). Make sure your name is associated with the extra chaperone(s) when you send in the additional fee.

Registration for Science Congress must be completed by March 31, 2020 (this is our fair deadline to expedite paperwork). All online STANYS Science Congress forms can be found at: stanys.org/science-congress. You complete the **NYSSC Student Registration Form**. Your Advisor/Mentor must complete the online form **NYSSC Advisor/Mentor Approval Form**. Your Fair Director will complete the **NYSSC Regional Science Congress Report**.

1. **You need to provide the following information to register online by March 31, 2020:**
 - a. Upload an abstract of no more than 250 words. The abstract heading should contain the student's name, and the title of the research project, as well as the purpose of the experiment, procedure, data, and conclusions. Please limit the project title to 120 characters.
 - b. Student Information (contact information, allergies, etc.)
 - c. Qualifying Science Fair Information
 - d. Project title, abstract, category, etc.
 - e. Media Waiver
 - f. Chaperone & Guest Information
2. Instruct your project advisor/mentor to complete the online Advisor/Mentor Approval Form by March 31, 2020.

Event Guidelines

When all the required forms and fees are received, finalists, teachers, and chaperones will receive a **confirmation email** with the event schedule and other important details.

Students **must be present** at the fair to compete, and must be present at the awards ceremony to win an award.

Students must provide copies of their abstract to 4 judges. Students will have approximately 7-10 minutes to present and answer questions. However, judges can be flexible with how they wish to conduct the interview. Students must be with their poster board when the judge arrives. Bring four copies of your abstract.

Projects must be presented in a poster-style format (free-standing tri-fold board or storyboard). No electricity can be provided. Project displays must adhere to the following guidelines for the maximum size of display:

- Depth (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters
- Width (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters
- Height (floor to top): 108 inches or 274 centimeters

The following will **NOT** be permitted in the project display area or on the presentation board:

- Wooden boards
- Live or preserved specimens
- Hazardous displays (i.e. toxic chemicals, high intensity light sources)

Travel Information (Download Science Congress Voucher for reimbursement of Food and Travel from: <https://www.gcrsef.org/all-forms/>)

- Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided on Day of Science Congress. The hotel is across the street from MOST.
- The GCRSEF Fair Director will make the reservations at the Jefferson Clinton Hotel, 416 South Clinton Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 for each student and his or her chaperone once the student verifies he or she is attending (Send an email to gcrsef@gmail.com with your name and chaperone's name(s) by March 31, 2020 so reservations can be made for you. Each extra chaperone costs \$50 and that fee is sent to Mr. Peter Plumley as noted above.

Problems with related to attending the STANYS Science Congress contact:

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