

# Florida Foundation for Future Scientists

September 2009

Dear Colleague:

**The 55th State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida April 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** We invite you to share your professional expertise as a Judge for the State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida on **Thursday, April 8th, 2010** at the Orange County Convention Center. In order to facilitate the Judging process efficiently, we need more than 400 Judges who have exemplary credentials in their area of science research. The evaluation and recognition of student research are the most important aspects of the SSEF, and we welcome your willingness to serve. Approximately 900 outstanding student science research projects will be entered in one of two Sections of the SSEF: Senior (9-12 grades) and Junior (6-8 grades). Students will compete for Place Awards, Special Awards, Scholarship Awards, Opportunity Awards, and Grand Awards. Each project will be placed into one of the following 14 Categories\*\* established in each Section:

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|------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Behavioral & Social Sciences | (BE) | Earth & Planetary Science | (EA) | Microbiology          | (MI)             |
| Biochemistry                 | (BI) | Engineering               | (EN) | Physics and Astronomy | (PH)             |
| Botany                       | (BO) | Environmental Sciences    | (EV) | Zoology               | (ZO)             |
| Chemistry                    | (CH) | Mathematics               | (MA) | Teams Projects        | (TM) 2-3 members |
| Computer Science             | (CO) | Medicine & Health         | (ME) |                       |                  |

**\*\*\*NOTE: If you are a parent or mentor/teacher/professor, we ask that you do not commit to a category that involves your child or student participating in this event.**

The following is a tentative schedule of events for **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**:

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| 7:30 AM- 8:30 AM  | Judges' Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided) |
| 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM  | Judges' Briefing and Project Overview                     |
| 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM | Round 1 Judging   |
| 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM | Judges' Lunch (provided)                                  |
| 1:30 PM- 4:00 PM  | Round 2 Judging   |
| 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM  | Round 3 Judging   |
| 5:00 PM           | Judging Concludes   |

## REGISTER for JUDGING

by going to our website [www.floridassef.net](http://www.floridassef.net) to register online. You will receive a confirmation for Judging and several updates as the time nears for Judging. Please mark your calendar.

The SSEF is administered by the FFFS, an organization that is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in science and engineering education in Florida. The FFFS is designated a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the Revenue Service (FEID number 59-6155014).

Thank you for your consideration of this request for Judges. Please take time to offer this opportunity to others who might be interested in this opportunity. We look forward to working with you at the 2010 SSEF.

Sincerely,  
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Executive Director  
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**Hotel information available online at**  
[www.floridassef.net](http://www.floridassef.net)

*We are unable to compensate for travel expenses and sincerely thank you and/or your organization for the volunteer commitment to this great event.*

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