



2008 JASON COLLOQUIUM INFORMATION SHEET

53rd Annual State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida Junior and Senior Outstanding Narratives (JASON) Colloquium Wednesday, April 16th, 2008

All participants (students and adults) of the 53rd Annual State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida and all other interested persons are invited to attend this session for presentation of student honorees which will be a component of the SSEF Opening Ceremony. More than fifty nominations for consideration to speak are received each year.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

*Nomination and Application Deadline is **March 19th, 2008***

Nominations for student speakers are accepted from educators throughout Florida. Please direct your letters of nomination to JASON Committee, Florida Foundation for Future Scientists (FFFS), P.O. Box 162993, Engineering Room 107, Orlando, FL 32816-2993. For more information please contact Nancy Besley, FFFS Executive Director at 407-823-4347 (besleyn@ocps.net). Applications may be found online.

The nomination letter is the most important requirement. Your letter should describe the student and explain why he/she is being nominated. Reference should be made to the student's scholarship, citizenship, character, honors, and other distinctions.

STUDENT SPEAKER INFORMATION

As talented young people who have brought honor to the State of Florida, six presenters will be introduced to the group and asked to take the floor for up-to-three minutes on a selected subject. A variety of presentation topics provide a stimulating program for the audience. Topic suggestions for presenters to follow are:

1. Tell about an award you have received (describe prize, trip, camp, *etc.*).
2. Tell about what motivated you to begin or to continue your work in science or engineering.
3. State future plans and goals and how you plan to meet those challenges.
4. Describe your personal philosophy or your ideas concerning current issues.
5. Tell about someone who has influenced you or encouraged you to pursue scientific or personal endeavors.
6. Describe the development or "the story" of a winning paper or project.
(Note: This is not a scientific project presentation)

Remember we are looking for variety and creativity.

An audience of approximately 1,000 people will attend the SSEF Opening Ceremony. It is suggested that those who are selected to speak practice and time the actual presentation in the presence of adult or student groups. The objective of the JASON Colloquium is to honor the presenters and to stimulate the audience toward positive academic goals. The individual speaking time will be restricted to three minutes (180 seconds!). There will be a timer to assist with the schedule; presenters will be asked to stop speaking at the three-minute point. This is not a competition.

Selected presenters are to arrive at the Opening Ceremony by 7:00 PM to arrange seating (either on the stage or in the front row).