

Special Awards Scholarships/Internship Opportunity Awards Category Place Award Sponsorships



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Description

The Awards Program is a vital component of the State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida. These awards recognize talented youth for their dedication and commitment to scientific research and inspire young people by giving them confidence in their abilities and encouraging their study of science.

The Awards Program depends on the generosity of Donors. Donors include individuals at the local, state, and national levels from businesses, industry, institutions, government agencies, and scientific professional organizations.

The Florida Foundation for Future Scientists (FFFS), which administers the SSEF, recognizes all Awards Donors through statewide news media, FFFS newsletters, the SSEF Website Program Book, and other FFFS publications with wide distribution throughout Florida.

Donation Process

To donate Awards simply complete the forms provided on our website (www.floridassef.net). The actual award(s) must be received by **February 20, 2012**.

It is important for Donors to **give detailed specifications for each Award**, such as whether it should be designated for a project in the Senior Section (Grades 9-12), or the Junior Section (Grades 6-8). Donors are also asked to specify whether their award should go to a student whose project is in a particular Category or subject area. Detailed information on the various Categories is enclosed.

Donors may also request that their award be used wherever needed (FFFS discretionary). This allows the FFFS to maintain a balance of awards in each Category. Please note: Awards cannot be restricted to a project from a particular Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Donors are encouraged to attend the SSEF and judge their own awards.

Types of Awards and Category Sponsorships

SPECIAL AWARDS may be cash awards, plaques, science related gifts, grants, and much more. Keep in mind that students have already competed at two other levels before being selected for the SSEF competition so the award should reflect their commitment to science research at a higher level. Awards should recognize both dedication and excellence to science research.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD If the Donor chooses to give a cash award and stipulates that it be used toward the winner's college education, the FFFS will list it as a scholarship award.

OPPORTUNITY/INTERNSHIP AWARDS: Summer employment and internship offers are listed as opportunity/internship awards.

A **CATEGORY SPONSOR** provides funding that supports the plaques and ribbons for Place Awards (judged by our Category Judging Teams) in a chosen category for both the Junior and Senior Section. In addition, these funds will provide a Cash Award to each First Place Winner in both Sections (\$200 each). The total cost for sponsoring a specific category is \$1,500. The Category Sponsor's name will be engraved on the plaques given to the Place Award winners in the specific category. The Category Sponsor is also invited to send a representative to attend the Grand Awards Ceremony to participate in presenting the Place Awards.

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