

Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge Categories

Animal Sciences
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Biochemistry *(senior division only)*
Cellular/Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Earth Science
Energy & Transportation
Engineering
Environmental Sciences
Mathematics
Medicine & Health
Microbiology
Physics & Astronomy
Plant Sciences



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Student & Teacher Special Awards INFORMATION



Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge

*Promoting science & engineering
for middle & high school
students since 1959!*

Special Awards Create Excitement About Student Research!

WHY SPECIAL AWARDS?

Public and private industry, civic organizations and individuals support the Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge through **SPECIAL STUDENT & TEACHER AWARDS**. Recognition of the incredibly hard work students and teachers put into getting ready for competition at the regional, state, and perhaps even international level is critical. This type of recognition helps to create excitement and spark continued interest in science, technology, engineering, & math education.

STUDENT AWARDS

There are many appropriate special student awards for participants at our fair. These include scholarships, cash awards, expense-paid trips/seminars, trophies/plaques, tangible items (i.e. computers, PDA's, backpacks, shirts, etc.), books, subscriptions, letters of commendation, certificates, etc. Proposed special student awards are subject to review and approval by the University of New Mexico and must be age-appropriate. We ask Special Student Award Donors, whenever possible, to be responsible for delivering the award(s) to the recipient(s) within a reasonable amount of time after the fair. The Research Challenge office will send you the names/addresses of all winners within 14 days after the fair.

Scholarships of \$100 or more may be held in a reserve account with the STEM office for disbursement to the student upon entering college & providing proof of enrollment.

Cash Awards can be for any amount. Donors have two options in distributing cash awards. You may send a check to our office before the fair and we will pay the winner(s) for you OR you can pay the winner(s) yourself after the fair.

Internships are another great student award idea. In particular, high school students can be provided with excellent opportunities to explore career options and your organization can benefit from having the additional help over the summer, for example. These internships may be paid or unpaid depending upon the organization's desires and financial means.

TEACHER AWARDS

The teacher/sponsors of student exhibitors work very hard to help their students prepare to compete in science fair at the local, regional, state, and perhaps even international levels. Teacher awards offer an opportunity to recognize all the energy, dedication, and time these teachers put in every day. Teacher awards can include, but are certainly not limited to, massages, books, expense-paid seminars/conferences, expense-paid trips (i.e. to *International Science & Engineering Fair*), weekend getaways, dinners, trophies, plaques, memberships, cash awards, briefcases, computers, PDA's...you name it!

PRESENTING AWARDS

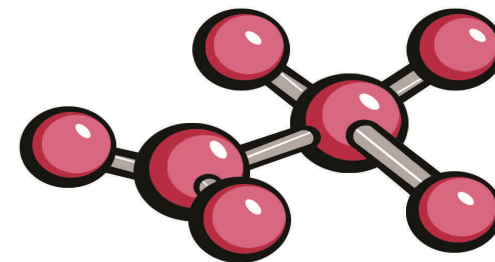
Some organizations present their award(s) at a regular or special meeting. It is a rewarding experience to show off your student winner, their teacher, and their parents. Many organizations, in the past, have held luncheons, dinners, or receptions in honor of their winners and asked them to explain their research during the recognition event. Teacher winners may be asked to talk about their involvement with science fair and what it means to their students. Because of the number of Special Awards given at the fair every year, unfortunately we cannot allow Special Award donors to present their awards at the Research Challenge Awards Ceremonies.

JUDGING PANELS

We ask donors to furnish their own judges if at all possible. One person can do the judging or you may have as many as six (6) judges. Most panels have three (3) judges. If you cannot secure a judge panel, please contact the Science Fair office. We have a Regional Judging Committee that will judge special awards that do not have their own judge panels. Judges must abide by the Research Challenge non-discrimination policy.

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS

Because of the absence of student names on projects, your judging panel may only know the project titles and exhibitor numbers of their selected winners. Therefore, the Research Challenge office sends your organization the names, and addresses, of your winners with titles of the winning exhibits so donors may deliver the award(s) to the recipient(s). All winners' names and respective awards are published in the Albuquerque Journal usually the Sunday following the regional fair.



The Special Award Program is rewarding for the students and teachers as well as for the donor. Please contact our office for more information or for a donation form (see back of this brochure for contact info).
