

March 1, 2021

Dear 2021 CSEF Grand Award Judge,

Thank you so much for volunteering your valuable time to judge for the 66th Annual Colorado Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF). Without your generous donation of time and effort, CSEF would not be such a success!



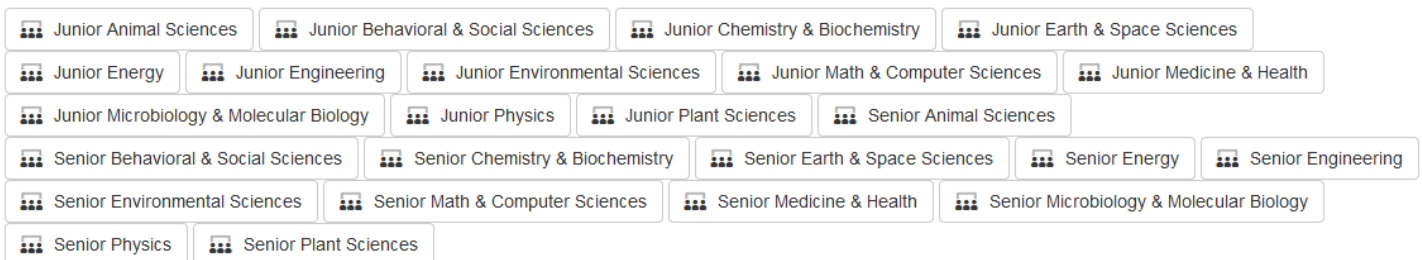
Please note that your Judging Team Captain will schedule a team meeting prior to April 8th in order for everyone to test the system so we don't have any issues on the day of interviews.

Grand Award Judging Interviews for the CSEF will be on **Thursday, April 8th**, via zFairs: (<https://co-csef.zfairs.com>). **Judges are required to check-in with their Team Captain for a short briefing at 8 a.m. in the zFairs Judge Category Rooms for your particular division & category (under Virtual Contest tab).**

Judge Category Rooms

Need a place to talk with the other judges of a category, use your room.

⚠ Judges you can access your interviews rooms via online judging.



Interviews will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will run until all of the projects have been interviewed by all of the sub-teams with in that category. A break for lunch will be from 11:45 – 12:30 if needed, depending on the number of projects in a given category.

Your attendance, whether as a Captain or Judge is critical to the success of the CSEF. Please do **everything** possible to attend the interviews as your team members and the students are counting on you. However, if for any reason you are unable to attend or not able to fulfill the duties of Judge and/or Team Captain, **please notify me immediately.**

ALL documents will be available for download only from the CSEF website under Grand Awards Judges – Essential Documents http://www.csef.colostate.edu/CSEF_GAJ.html:

- Grand Awards Judges' Welcome Letter;
- Grand Awards Judging Interview Schedules (by category)
- Junior/Senior Division Category Judging Team Assignments;
- Grand Awards Judging Guide;
- zFairs Judging Instructions;
- Grand Awards Judging Policy;
- Finalist Abstract Review Instructions;
- Access to Finalists' Abstract Database (online only);
- Regeneron ISEF/CSEF Forms Explanations;
- Category Descriptions;
- Grand Awards Guidelines/Criteria;

[Judging Team Assignments](#)

Please refer to the “Category Judging Team Assignments” for your judging assignment. Some of you will find that I have assigned you to your 2nd or 3rd category choice, and difference division preference. This was done in order to give all of the students at least 2 (if not 3) interviews with pairs of Grand Award Judges this year. To do this, I needed to have 4-6 judges for each category and division regardless of the number of projects in a category.

[Pre-CSEF Project Display Materials Review](#)

Since everything about this year’s CSEF is virtual, all project materials will be available to judges starting March 24th via zFairs under Go To Online Judging.


[Home](#) [Virtual Contest](#) [Paperwork](#) [Fair](#) [Go To Online Judging](#)

Here you will find the projects assigned to you (they should all be in your category and division – if they are not, alert me ASAP so I can fix that). You can also search for projects by category and division. **It is important that you review this material BEFORE April 8th as that day is reserved for doing student interviews ONLY!!!**

Grand Awards Judging

This is the default round.


Grand Award Judging - Junior Division Engineering/Math/Computer Science Projects

JR-ENG-001
The Wright Wings

When you click on the Project Number, you will get a page that has tabs for the different parts of their project materials:

The Wright Wings

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Project Info

Description **Pics** Images *Project Research Plan/Summary *CSEF Project Abstract Form Plan Abstract

To see if the length of an airplanes wings change the distance the plane flies.

Description is a short description of the project.

Pics is their profile picture if they opted to upload one (not required).

Project Research Plan/Summary is what the CSEF Scientific Review Committee reads to determine if they qualify for the competition (followed all the rules).

CSEF Project Abstract Form is their officially signed abstract that was uploaded into the CSEF database.

Video Link is one of two optional video links that students can provide to the judges; one is a overview of their project and the other is a demonstration of their project in action.

Plan and Abstract or repeats of the above information that is created by zFairs, so we would prefer that you concentrate on the items starred (*).

Images is where you will find:

- Project Presentation (required) – this is a 12-page max slide show of what would normally be found on their display board
- Research Paper (optional) – this is their submission for the Technical Writing award, but other judges can read them as well.
- Statistical Award Sample (optional) – this is their submission for the David Young Award for Best Use of Statistics, but other judges can read it as well.
- Log Book/Science Notebook Sample (optional) – this can be photos that they took that don't fit in their slide show or a sampling of their research notebook that would normally be on display at their project (we purposely told them not to put the whole thing online).
- Quad Chart (optional) – this is a one-page summary of their project that is being required for ISEF, but we made it optional for CSEF

Also, on this page is a digital copy of the judges score card that we use for CSEF. You may choose to use this while you are interviewing the student, but it is not required to be filled out until you want to submit comments to the student (at the bottom of the page):

Participant Feedback (possibly shared with student):

Submit Score & CloseNo Show

You will be able to submit feedback to the students as a judge through April 16th, when we close the Special Award Judging. CSEF staff will review all comments before they are sent on to the students.

Best-of-CSEF Project Judging

The Best-of-CSEF Judging Team consisting of the Category Team Captains from each division and category will be looking only at the 1st place projects from each of the categories to choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Junior Division and an additional 4th and 5th place in the Senior Division. -of-CSEF judging will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Best-of-CSEF Judging Team Captain's category room:

- Junior Division – Junior Earth & Space Sciences
- Senior Division – Senior Microbiology & Molecular Biology

Best-of-CSEF judging results will be due to the CSEF Director by 8:30 p.m.

Again, thank you so much for volunteering and I look forward to seeing everyone and supporting all the Finalists on their journey to creating a better future for themselves and for us! If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

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