



**CALIFORNIA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR
SCIENCE FAIR TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2018
DIRECTIONS**

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Received by Thursday, April 5

Description: The California Science & Engineering Fair Science Fair Teachers of the Year are the science teachers who have been most inspirational to 6th - 12th grade students participating in the California Science & Engineering Fair by encouraging students to develop a science fair project and to pursue their interest in science as a career. One award will be presented in each division (Junior and Senior).

Eligibility:

- The nominee must have been a teacher during the current academic year at the 6th - 12th grade level at a public or private school in California.
- The teacher must have counseled a student at his/her school and provided resource support on a science project that is entered in the current California Science & Engineering Fair. This teacher must be named on at least one nominating student's application to the Fair as his/her advisor.

Directions: A completed nomination for this Award consists of:

- The nomination form filled out by a student who is an accepted participant in the California Science & Engineering Fair and whose named advisor is the nominee;
- The teacher statement form filled out by the nominee; and
- A letter of recommendation written by the school principal or department chair. This statement must be no longer than one page and should focus on the teacher's commitment to science education, ability to motivate students, and special efforts demonstrated to advance excellence in science education. The letter should also address the nominee's specific contribution to promoting positive science fair participation.

These forms and recommendation may be submitted either together or separately. Incomplete nominations (*e.g.* missing one or more of the above items) will not be considered. All documents must be received by the Nomination Deadline given above. Regional or county fair coordinators may also encourage the nomination of teachers but must have the nomination form filled out by a student entered in the California Science & Engineering Fair. Both forms and the recommendation may be sent by email or US Mail:

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Procedure: Based upon the completed materials submitted, a maximum of three finalists from each division will be chosen. All finalists will be notified by phone and listed on the fair's web site in advance of the Fair. Other nominees who are not selected as finalists will not be directly notified.

Teachers selected as finalists must be available for a personal interview in Los Angeles on the day of the California Science & Engineering Fair. These interviews will be conducted by a panel representing the California Science Teachers Association, the California Science Center, The MUSES, and educators.

Winners will be announced at the California Science & Engineering Fair Awards Ceremony.



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NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF TEACHER BEING NOMINATED	NAME OF STUDENT MAKING THIS NOMINATION	GRADE
NAME OF SCHOOL		
SCHOOL ADDRESS		
CITY	ZIP	COUNTY
NAME OF PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER	
SUBJECT(S) NOW TEACHING	TEACHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS	

- How has this teacher helped prepare you for the California Science & Engineering Fair?

- In what other activities is your teacher involved outside of normal teaching duties?

- What impact has this teacher had in encouraging you and fellow students to pursue your interests in science beyond the classroom?



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NAME OF NOMINATED TEACHER	EMAIL ADDRESS
NAME OF SCHOOL	TEACHER'S HOME PHONE (for late contacts)

- What specifically did you do in support of the student (or students) who nominated you for this award other than what would be routinely expected (*e.g.*, setting deadlines, periodic reminders, etc.)?

- How important do you feel science fair participation is for your students compared to other science-related activities? What unique benefits do your students get from science fairs not available elsewhere?

- If you could change anything about your county's science fair, what would you do?