



Virtual Science Fair

Rules and Regulations

1. Who Can Participate

The Virtual Science Fair is open to all residents of the United States who are within the grade ranges of 2 – 12 or their equivalents if the resident is enrolled in an alternative educational setting.

a. Age Categories

- i. This event will have 3 separate entrant categories for participants. There will be a Junior Division for entrants who are in Grades 2-5 (or their equivalents), an Intermediate Division for Grades 6-8, and a Senior Division for Grades 9-12.
- ii. If an entrant is about to enter a grade that would put them in a higher category, they may opt to enter either in their current grade or their future grade. They may not enter both, as you can only submit a single entry for this event.

b. Individual Entries

- i. Participants are more than welcome to enter this event as an individual entrant. While there are separate categories for age ranges, individual and group entries will be judged in the same way.

c. Group Entries

- i. For this event we will accept group entries with a maximum of 4 members per group. This is to keep workloads fair and balanced between individual entries and group entries. Upon registration for this event, all group members must be registered. Any changes to the group membership must be notified to the Virtual Science Fair group before final submission.
- ii. When forming a group for entry, please keep in mind that the children need to be in the same grade category to form a group. If a member is within 1 grade of the category limit, the group can decide to enter in the category the majority of members belong to, or compete in the higher category.
If the group is primarily comprised of members belonging to a higher age category, they will need to compete in the higher grade category.



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2. What materials will be accepted

As this is an online Virtual Science Fair, we will be unable to receive any physical entries for this event. As such, we will be accepting images, videos, PowerPoint presentations, websites, as well as other digital medium entries for this event.

a. Submission

- i. Submission of entries must be sent via the submission portal on the event web page, hosted on the Naturally Blessed website. By submitting your entry for this event, you hereby allow Naturally Blessed and its affiliates to view and display the submitted work on their website/social media/venues.
- ii. Each registrant is only able to enter a single project. If someone enters the event registered as an individual, they cannot enter again as part of a group.

b. Display

- i. All entries submitted to the Virtual Science Fair will be posted on a web portal for the general public to view. While judging of these entries will be done by a selected group of officials, selected by the Virtual Science Fair team, all projects, whether they be winning entries or not, will be accessible for all to view once the event wraps up.

c. Permissions

- i. By submitting your entry for this event, you hereby allow Naturally Blessed and its affiliates to post your entry for the public to view and for Naturally Blessed to use elements of your entry for future marketing or educational purposes. Credit will be given for any use of the submitted material.

3. Topic

All submissions and projects for the Virtual Science Fair must be based upon a specific topic. This is to guide the research process and help participants narrow their visions as to what kind of project they wish to create. This will also help judges determine the appropriateness and relevancy of entries.

- i. The topic of the 2020 Virtual Science Fair is "Save the Earth!"

a. Judging Rubric

- i. Judging for the Virtual Science Fair will be undertaken by an impartial group of Judges, selected from Naturally Blessed Senior Staff who will follow a strict judgment rubric.
- ii. Projects will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Overall Presentation – The organization, clarity, and presentation of the research. This can include the design of the presentation as well as the delivery of information.
2. Quality of Research – Does the presented information present a clear picture of the research question? Does the presented information come from good sources? Does the conclusion follow logically from the presented sources of information? Does the presentation follow the scientific method? Is there a list of sources we can follow (Works Cited)?
3. Relevance – Does this project relate to the topic? How original is the project? Has this information been presented in an original or interesting way?

4. Deadline

a. Sign up

- i. Participants may begin to register for this event once it launches on February 15, 2021. We will not be taking pre-registrations at this time. Entry will be done via the Virtual Science Fair website, and we will not be accepting entries through any other means unless undue hardship can be proven.
- ii. Registrations will be accepted all the way until March 31st, 2021. Registration date will in no way influence the final submission date nor will it have any influence upon the judging of the final submission.

b. Final Submission

- i. All projects from all categories are due by April 3rd, 2021 at midnight (12am Eastern Standard Time). Submissions sent in after this time will not be accepted by any means. You are welcome to submit an entry before the deadline and we will take re-submissions up until the project deadline. No judging or viewing of the projects will occur until after the deadline has passed. Winners will be announced and sent prizes on Earth Day April 22nd, 2021. There will be one winner per category.

5. Ethics

All participants entering the Virtual Science Fair agree to adhere to a strict set of ethical rules and laws. The violation of any of these rules and/or laws will result in the immediate disqualification of the entry into the event.

a. Responsibilities of the participant

- i. The participant agrees that all activities and research that occurred in the course of creating this project did not create any undue hardship to any and all participating research subjects.

- ii. The participant agrees that all that are involved in the studies and research for this project are willing participants.
- iii. The participant agrees that no intentional harm has come to their research subjects during the course of their study.

b. Plagiarism & Academic Honesty

- i. The participant hereby agrees that their submitted project is their own and not plagiarised in any way.

6. Prizes

- c. SCRIB3D Advanced 3D Printing Pen for each category.