



# You are Invited to Sponsor an Award at the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida

The State's Largest Academic STEM Competition

An affiliate of the  
Intel International Science and Engineering Fair



## Benefits of being a Special Award Organization and/or Sponsor at SSEF include:

- Joining an exclusive group of corporations, associations, academic institutions, and other organizations that provide \$1.2 million annually in awards, trips, internships, and scholarships
- Unique one-on-one interaction with the top 1,000 young scientists and researchers in Florida as you, your employees or members serve as SSEF Judges and participate in this highly regarded and rewarding process
- Launch point for long-term relationships with designated awardees who can become life-long members, employees, and/or supporters for your organization
- PR opportunities for your organization to showcase its support of STEM education in Florida through print, online, radio, television coverage and social media
- On site benefits include complimentary registration, inclusion in promotional materials, designated meeting area, meals and breaks, and inclusion in the awards ceremony and photography

## Description of Special Awards Program

The Special 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. This program offers a unique opportunity for organizations to support and encourage achievements by young people in STEM – science, technology, engineering, and math.

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.

## Donation Process

To donate Special Awards, Scholarships, and/or Internship Opportunity Awards, simply complete the appropriate form provided on our website ([www.ssefflorida.com](http://www.ssefflorida.com)) and send to FFFS, PO Box 67, Goldenrod, FL 32733 by November 15th for inclusion on the website and program book. The actual award(s) must be received NO LATER than December 15th.

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 are may provide Judges to interview and select the Finalists who will receive their organization's awards.

Donors may 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.

## Types of Awards

**SPECIAL AWARDS** These awards are cash awards, plaques, science related gifts, grants, and much more provided by organizations. The organization provides the specific research criteria for their award(s) and Judges to interview Finalists for the award. 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 of competition. Awards should recognize both dedication and excellence in STEM research.

**SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION AWARD** The participating college/university provides a specific description of the scholarship nomination offerings. Interested students complete a generic SSEF Scholarship Application and provide teacher reference letters if interested in the scholarship offering. The college/university may choose to provide Judge(s) to interview students for the scholarship offering(s) or the SSEF Awards Committee will select the students to receive the nomination. The application documents are provided to the college/university for final determination for awarding the scholarship. For more specific information on how to provide scholarships, contact Nancy Besley – [nancybesley@gmail.com](mailto:nancybesley@gmail.com).

**OPPORTUNITY/INTERNSHIP AWARDS** Summer employment and internship awards are listed as opportunity/internship awards. The student must complete an application specific to the organization's offering. The organization provides Judge(s) to review the applications and interview the applicants to select the winners for the award. For more specific information on how to provide an opportunity award, contact Nancy Besley – [nancybesley@gmail.com](mailto:nancybesley@gmail.com).

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