

"To Do" List as a Naval Science Awards Program Judge or Presenter

Once you are registered as a Naval Science Awards Program Science Fair Judge or Awards Presenter, you should take the following steps prior to judging or presenting at your fair:

1. Visit the "List of Registered Science Fairs" and identify those fairs that you would like to serve as a judge or awards presenter.
2. Review the judging tips, criteria, and guidelines presented on this web site. The guidance here represents the best guidance derived from many regional and state fairs.
3. Learn about opportunities for students to get involved in scientific pursuits with the Naval services at high school and undergraduate levels. Review these opportunities at the ONR Web site (www.onr.navy.mil/onr/studteach.htm).
4. Well in advance of the Science Fair you are serving, verify that the Awards Chairperson has the correct number of NSAP packages (certificates and awards) for senior participants (based on the number of total senior participants) and the correct number of NSAP packages (certificates only) for junior participants. You must remember that only senior award recipients can receive monetary award letters. No team awards at the regional and state fairs.
5. During the judging, it is highly recommended that military (active, reserve, and retired) judges wear the uniform (Summer White or Service Dress Blue as appropriate). Appearance standards expected of you. If you are a civilian judge, proper business attire is recommended.
6. Occasionally, Naval Recruiters from the fair's local area, members of the Naval Research Enterprise (Naval Laboratories and Warfare Centers), and other interested Naval personnel may also be serving as judges. Work with them to incorporate them within a Naval judging team. Discuss with all team members the requirements that NSAP establishes for its awards.
7. When recognizing students for NSAP awards, record their names, schools, and project titles for after-fair reporting at this site using the NSAP Recipient button.
8. During the awards presentation, it is highly recommended that you wear your uniform (business attire for civilian presenters). If you are asked to talk at the awards presentation, you may use the sample speech available on this web site. Often, you will be asked to hand out awards as fair personnel read the names of the recipients.
9. After the Science Fair, provide a report with all information on the students you recognized and any comments you wish to make. Use the feedback form on this site as your feedback is instrumental to the success of our program.