INFORMATION ON REQUIRED ABSTRACT & CERTIFICATION FOR ALL PROJECTS AT ISEF

*This form may not be relevant for your regional or state fair; please refer to instructions from your affiliated fair.*

In ADDITION to the basic form requirements for ALL Projects and any other requirements due to specific areas of research, an Abstract & Certification is required at the conclusion of research. Details on this requirement follow.

Completing the Abstract

After finishing research and experimentation, you are required to write a (maximum) 250 word, one-page abstract. For ISEF, this abstract is written in the online Finalist Questionnaire portal and submitted electronically.

It is recommended that it include the following:
- purpose of the experiment
- procedure
- data
- conclusions

It may also include any possible research applications. Only minimal reference to previous work may be included.

An abstract must not include the following:
- acknowledgments (including naming the research institution and/or mentor with which you were working), or self-promotions and external endorsements
- logos or proper names of commercial products
- work or procedures done by the mentor

Completing the Certification

At the bottom of the Abstract & Certification form there are six questions. Please read each carefully and answer appropriately. The ISEF Scientific Research Committee will review and approve the abstract and answers to the questions.

Revisions are permitted via the online portal through late April (please reference the system for current year deadlines.)

Once approved, two copies of the ISEF Abstract & Certification will be provided with a gold embossed seal; only this version of the abstract may be displayed or distributed.

NOTE: Your abstract must be on the International Science and Engineering Fair Abstract & Certification form and have the ISEF Scientific Review Committee approval seal before it is displayed or handed out. No other format or version of your approved Abstract will be allowed for any purpose at the ISEF.