

REGENERON

SCIENCE
TALENT SEARCH

A program of
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Since 1942

Submit A Question!

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Application **OPENS** on June 1
through November 5, 2026 at 8pm ET

12th grade students can win up to \$250,000
for their incredible science research

WHAT IS REGENERON STS?

- The Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS) is **the nation's oldest and most prestigious STEM research competition** for high school seniors.
- Via its online application, Regeneron STS uses a **holistic review process to identify future scientific leaders**, with the goal of **fostering connection** between these students and the wider scientific community.
- Alumni include recipients of the world's most notable science and math honors, including **13 Nobel Prizes**, and **\$3.1 million is awarded** to students and schools on an annual basis.

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

STS	ISEF
12 th Grade Students	9 th -12 th Grade Students
Domestic	International
Individual Research	Team & Individual Research
No Timeline Limitations	One Year of Work
Regeneron STS Official Rules	Local Science Fair Oversight
Direct-Apply	Qualify through Local Science Fair
Holistic Review → Future Leaders	Research Only → Project of the Year

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FUTURE LEADERS IN STEM

Regeneron STS seeks future leaders in STEM – **science-minded students** who stand out as leaders among their peers in whatever they choose to pursue.

There is no one definition of a leader – students can demonstrate leadership in many ways!

TIP: Think about the traits *you* associate with a good leader – and how you demonstrate those traits in your own life.



JUNE 1, 2026

Regeneron STS application opens

NOVEMBER 4 AT 8PM ET, 2026

Technical Support deadline

NOVEMBER 5 AT 8PM ET, 2026

Regeneron STS application deadline

JANUARY 7, 2027

Top 300 Scholars announced

JANUARY 21, 2027

Top 40 Finalists announced

MARCH 11-17, 2026

Finals Week in Washington, DC

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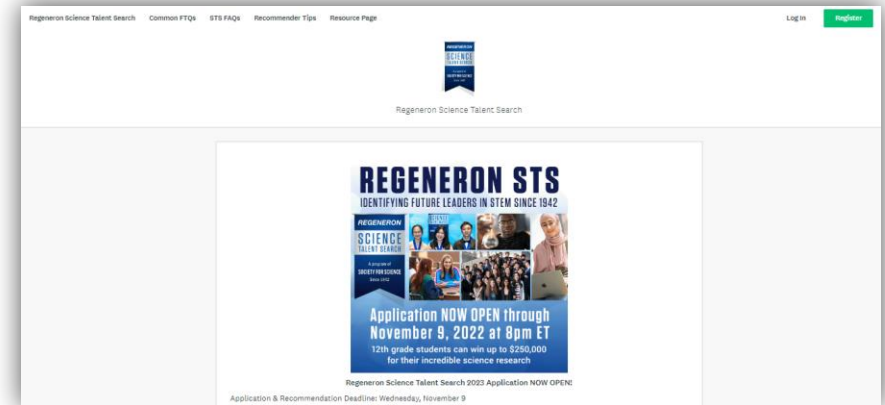


HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students complete an **online application** consisting of a research paper, recommendations from teachers and mentors, essays, project questions and more.

The application is **totally free**. Students can submit research conducted from any year of high school over any length of time.

The deadline is **November 5, 2026 at 8PM ET**.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Written Research Report** (up to 20 pages) for a completed independent, individual project from any year of high school
- **Recommendations** from teachers & scientific mentors
- **Transcript**
- Core Application:
 - **Activities** (“how you spend your time”)
 - Project-related and personal **essays**
 - Information about **past research** projects
- **Optional Test Scores**



SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Strength of the Research** (through the Research Report and evidence of other scientific merit)
- **Student Contribution** to the Research
- **Academic Aptitude** and Achievement
- **Overall Potential as a Future Leader** in the scientific community (through activities, skills, interests, etc.)

WHY APPLY?



BUILD COMMUNITY

Meet 39 other students just as passionate about making a difference as you. Plus, make professional connections and hear from working scientists across a wide variety of fields and disciplines.



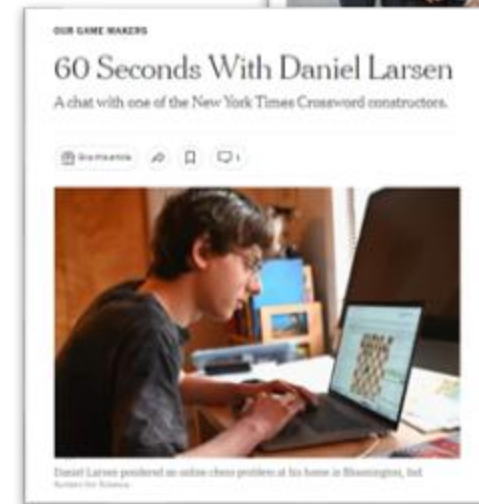
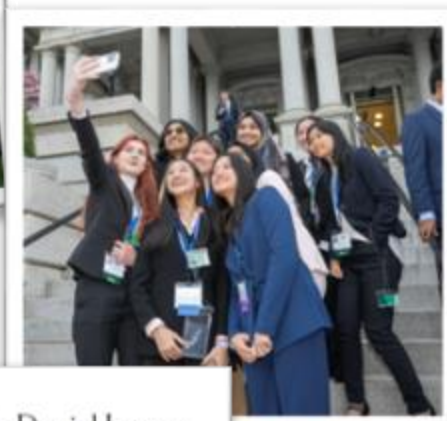
TELL YOUR STORY

Just applying is a great way to practice your scientific writing. You'll learn to think about your research in new ways and to tell the story of you and your research more creatively than ever before.



WIN SPECTACULAR PRIZES

Did you know that the top 300 scholars receive \$2,000...*each*? How about that their high schools do, too? Prizes are awarded at every level of entry, meaning you win something just for entering!



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WINNING BIG

Prizes are awarded at **every level of entry**, but it's not just about the money.

Those named finalists have **extraordinary activities and experiences** to look forward to, from exploring our nation's capital to meeting incredible scientific role models and peers.

Above all, STS is a chance for you to **see your hard work rewarded and recognized on a national stage.**



Level	Awards
Entrants	T-shirts, laptop stickers, 1-year subscription to Science News magazine
Top 300 Scholars	\$2,000
Schools of Top 300 Scholars	\$2,000 per scholar for STEM purposes
Top 40 Finalists	Minimum \$25,000 + fully paid Finals Week competition experience in Washington, DC
Top 10 Winners	\$40,000 to \$250,000

APPLICATION ADVICE FOR ENTRANTS & SUPPORTIVE ADULTS



OPEN AN APPLICATION ON JUNE 1

Visit sciencetalentsearch.smapply.org to open an application when the system opens in June.



ASK FOR RECS EARLY

Educators need time to write recommendations – don't wait until the last minute!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The app closes **November 5, 2026 at 8pm ET**. The technical support deadline is 24 hours beforehand.



GET INSPIRED

Watch last year's Highlights Video and sign up for program updates, including invites to our next webinar: societyforscience.tfaforms.net/64



READ THE RULES & RESOURCES

Read the Official Rules and view tutorials, webinars, FAQs for students and recommenders and more on our website: societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts.



GET STARTED!

Make a list of the top 5 things you care about + the top 5 ways you lead in your communities to inform your app. Spend an hour a week on your app.

WHAT WE'RE *NOT* LOOKING FOR...

- Perfection
- All AP classes or certain GPAs
- Only students from certain states and schools
- "Fancy" labs and/or mentors
- Quotas or cut-offs of any sort
- AI-generated research

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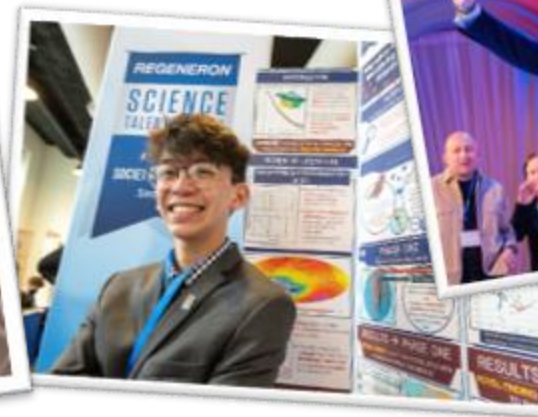


WHAT WE *DO* WANT TO SEE...

- Great student-driven research and independence
- Research from all disciplines
- Students taking advantage of opportunities available to them
- Demonstration of strong academic achievement
- Leadership
- Context! **What's your story?**
- Support Disclosures

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- “Can I use my ISEF project for STS? What ISEF forms do I need?”
- “Can I combine a project from 9th and 10th grade and use it for STS?”
- “I conducted my research at a program I paid to attend. Can I still apply?”
- “Can I split my team project?”
- “Does Regeneron STS favor one science fair topic over others?”
- “If I feel that my research doesn't have very groundbreaking results, am I still encouraged to apply?”

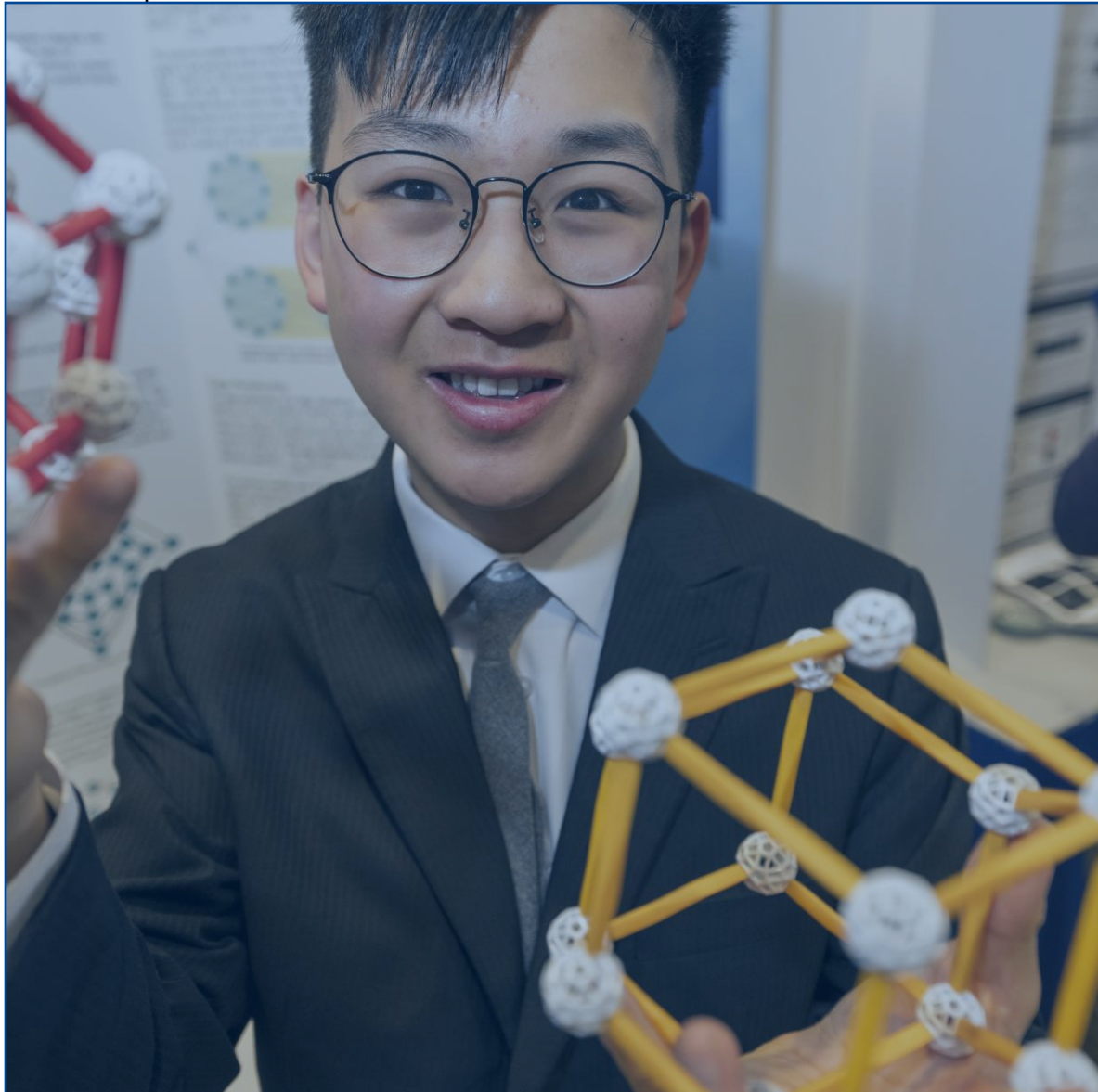




Q&A: MEET THE FINALISTS!

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