



### How do I register? What is the cost?

Individual and team projects can be registered at [challenge.most.org](https://challenge.most.org). Team projects are limited to a *maximum of 3 students*. Registration is free. The MOST can provide a project board at no cost to students, upon request to [eventcoordinator@most.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@most.org).

### What are the rules/regulations? Who is eligible to participate?

All projects in grades 4-12 must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), [available on the Society for Science website](#). Please note that there are general rules for all projects, as well as specific regulations for specialized projects involving human participants, vertebrate animals, and biological agents or chemicals. *Please also review the [ISEF Ethics Statement](#) and be sure that the project reflects independent research, presented in your own words and with proper citation, completed within the last year.*

Students participating in CNYSEF **must** live/attend school in one of the following counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Jefferson, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga, or Tompkins. Students participating in CNYSEF **may not** participate in another ISEF-affiliated fair in the same season (2025-26 School Year). *Note: Participation in other school/non-ISEF fairs is OK and does not disqualify a student from participating in CNYSEF.*

### What paperwork do I need to complete? (Senior Level Only)

Once the project is registered, *senior-level participants only (Grades 9-12)* must submit by **March 15, 2026** the following three forms, at minimum:

1. The Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1)
2. The Student Checklist (1A)
3. The Approval Form (1B)

Depending on the nature of their research, senior-level students may also need to submit additional forms for specialized projects involving human participants, vertebrate animals, and biological agents or chemicals. The [ISEF Rules Wizard](#) will tell you which forms are necessary based on a series of questions about your project.

#### **ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE HERE.**

Forms must be submitted by **March 16, 2026** to [eventcoordinator@most.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@most.org), or mailed to the MOST (500 S. Franklin St, Syracuse, NY 13202) Attn: Emily Stewart.

### How do I present my project? What are the display regulations?

Students should arrive to CNYSEF with a prepared project board and any demonstration materials necessary. Boards must be free-standing. Power cannot be provided.

All project boards and materials must fit within the following total dimensions:

**Depth** (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters

**Width** (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters

**Height** (floor to top): 108 inches or 274 centimeters

Please review the full [display safety regulations here](#), particularly if your project display will involve potentially hazardous materials, electrical components, laser pointers, etc.

### Questions? Need project support?

Project boards are available at no cost to student participants. To arrange board pick-up or ask fair or project questions, contact [eventcoordinator@most.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@most.org).