

2021 Lowcountry Science Fair: Frequently Asked Questions

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for letting us know your queries via the Zoom meeting and emails. Please find the answers to each of your questions. I hope the information would be helpful for the Lowcountry Science and Engineering Fair (LRSEF) registration this year. Please feel free to contact Dr. Mini Narayanan (Director, the Lowcountry Hall of Science and Math) at mnarayan@cofc.edu if you have any other questions, concerns, or suggestions.

1. Is there a Science Fair for the Lowcountry in Spring 2021?

Yes. The 2021 LRSEF will take place in Spring.

2. Is the Lowcountry Fair this year virtual?

Yes. The 2021 LRSEF is going to be on a virtual platform.

3. When is the registration due?

February 20, 2021.

4. Can students register online?

Yes. Students may use the link below to register online.

<http://blogs.cofc.edu/lowcountryhall/lowcountry-science-and-engineering-fair-registration/>

5. Are there any other documents to be submitted during registration?

Yes. Please complete and submit (via email) the student packet documents. The documents can be downloaded at

<https://lhsm.cofc.edu/lowcountry-science-fair/lcf-document.php>

6. Is there a registration fee involved with this year's fair?

No. There is NO registration fee for the fair this year.

7. What is expected from participants?

All contestants are required to make a video presentation (no longer than 5 minutes) and make an *unlisted video* in YouTube. Participants are allowed to use PowerPoint Slides or Poster Boards for their presentation. The presentation must include the research question, hypothesis (if any), methodology, experiment, data & data analysis, and the final result (conclusion). Any hands-on objects used to illustrate your research can be used in your presentation. Send the YouTube link to LHSM.

8. Is there any other document(s) to be submitted along with the video?

Submit the slides along with the video if doing a PowerPoint presentation or submit a PDF version of the contents along with the video if it is a Poster Board presentation.

9. Is there any specific instruction(s) on the video submission?

Participants SHOULD NOT provide their name/school name or any other identifying information during their video presentation or in their slides/pdf document. Participants are required to be in formal or semi-formal attire.

10. How do we make a video unlisted in YouTube?

Instructions for making unlisted videos can be found at https://youtu.be/DNb-fjdZ_CI

(Making your videos unlisted rather than private would give the judges automatic access to the submissions.)

11. When is the video submissions due?

All videos and additional documents are due by March 5, 2021.

12. Would the competition format be the same this year?

Yes. There will be category and divisional competitions as they were in the past.

13. Where can we find more details on the competition structure, policies and procedures?

Please refer to the Educator's Guidebook at

https://lhsm.cofc.edu/documents/LSFdocuments/2021/2021_educators_guidebook.pdf

14. When is the announcement of the category awards?

The Category Awards will be announced on March 19 via Zoom Live. The time of the Live announcement will be informed to all participants.

15. When is the announcement of the overall winners in each division?

The Divisional Awards will be announced on April 2 via Zoom Live. The time of the Live announcement will be informed to all participants.

16. Are there special awards and Broadcom MASTERS awards for 2021 LRSEF participants?

Yes. There will be Special Awards as well as Broadcom MASTERS nominations. These awards will also be announced on April 2, 2021.

17. Do the winners receive certificates and trophies?

Yes. The winners will receive certificates and trophies. All awards will be mailed to the corresponding schools before the end of the school year.

18. Is 2021 ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair) virtual this year?

Yes. The ISEF competition will take place virtually in May 2021.

19. Will the Overall Winner in the Senior Division compete at the 2021 ISEF?

Yes. The 2021 LRSEF will let the finalist at the Senior Division (individual or group of two) compete at the International Fair. The finalist (s) will be informed the formalities in order to compete at the ISEF.