



New Mexico Junior Academy of Science Paper Competition

Date: March 1, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Zia Conference Room Human Health and Performance Center, San Juan College

Program Description

The New Mexico Junior Academy of Science (NMJAS) promotes student research, participation in science fairs, and an annual written and oral technical paper competition. Science education has focused primarily on the background and tools necessary to do scientific research, but there is little emphasis on writing about and orally presenting the results of research. The NMJAS paper competition was instituted as a means of aiding and encouraging young scientists in the written and oral communication of the results of their research. The NMJAS encourages students to participate in this competition, through which they have unique opportunities to learn a crucial part of scientific work: communicating their work to others. The competitions are held in conjunction with the Regional and State Science and Engineering Fairs. They are open to middle and high school students whether public, private, or home schooled, from across the state of New Mexico. Students can enter the competition even if they are not competing in the science fair, but they do have to have a research project. Students compete in the Junior Division (grades 6-8) or the Senior Division (grades 9-12). First and second place winners in each division at their Regional Fairs are awarded \$150 and \$100, respectively and are eligible to compete at the State Competition.

Entry Process:

1. Students prepare written papers of their current science research, according to the NMJAS guidelines, in addition to a 10 minute Power Point Presentation.
2. Papers need to be submitted to Gail Silva at Piedra Vista High School, Farmington, NM by Tuesday February 20th at 4:00 pm. Papers must include the Entry Form page and \$8.00 entry fee.
3. Schools are allowed to send their top 2 participants to the Regional Competition. *If there are more than 10 entries at each level, middle school and high school, the 10 students with the highest paper scores will be chosen to present their oral Power Point presentation to the judges on March 1st. These entries will be notified by February 27th.*
4. Detailed guidelines and sample papers can be found at:
<http://www.nmas.org/junior-academy-of-science.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Silva, Northwest Region NMJAS director, at (505)793-1061 or gsilva@fms.k12.nm.us.