

GSEF Registration Instructions & Requirements



Congratulations on being selected from your Regional Fair to compete in the 78th Georgia Science & Engineering Fair, March 26-28, 2026. By advancing to GSEF, your achievements and hard work have earned you a place among the top young STEM researchers in the state. At GSEF, you will have the opportunity to share your research with leading scientists and engineers, meet students from across the state who share your love of STEM, and compete for awards and honors.

Your next step is to **secure your spot** by **registering for GSEF**. Full registration is required for eligibility.

To register for GSEF, complete all 3 steps below within 3 calendar days following your Regional Fair.

1 Complete the online GSEF Project Entry Form.



Within 3 days after your Regional, complete the **Project Entry Form**: bit.ly/gsef2026projectentry

THIS IS REQUIRED! The Project Entry Form confirms your intent to participate in GSEF and collects important details about you and your project, like contact information and project category.

Please note the following before beginning the form:

PROJECT TITLE

Your GSEF project title may be **no longer than 65 characters, including spaces and all punctuation (hyphens, periods, etc.); NO EXCEPTIONS!** This title will be published in the program booklet and other materials. It is OK if the title on your exhibit or other documents is slightly different from this published title.

PROJECT CATEGORY

See the full list of [GSEF Project Categories](#). GSEF might use different categories from your Regional Fair. **Double-check your category selection, as it cannot be changed after submission.**

TEAM PROJECTS

Teams should only submit **ONE Project Entry Form**, submitted by the Team Leader. Team Leaders will be asked to enter **name, address, email, phone, grade, gender, citizenship, and emergency contact** information for ALL team members, so be sure the Team Leader has these details before beginning the form.

ABSTRACT FORM & ABSTRACT TEXT

The Project Entry Form requires you to **both** 1) upload a PDF of your [Official GSEF Abstract Form](#) and 2) enter the narrative text from your abstract form in a text-only field. You may copy-and-paste the text from your Official Abstract Form into the text field. Max 250 words.

2 Submit the Registration Fee online or to your Regional Fair.



The GSEF registration fee is **\$49 per student** (not per project). Some schools/districts/regional fairs cover this fee. To avoid double-payments, please check with your school/district/regional fair first about whether they've pledged to cover the fee.

TO PAY BY CHECK: Make payable to **"University of Georgia"** and write the *name of the student covered by payment* in the memo field. **GIVE CHECK TO REGIONAL FAIR DIRECTOR;** do NOT mail check directly to UGA, as it may not reach our office.

TO PAY BY CARD: Pay online at bit.ly/gsef2026payment. Provide receipt to Regional Fair Director as proof of payment.

3 Sign the Participation Agreement and submit it to your Regional Fair.



Within 3 days after your Regional Fair, submit your signed [GSEF Participation Agreement](#) to your Regional Fair. A completed agreement is required for **every student** (including team members) and **must be signed by student AND parent/guardian**. The Regional Fair Director will forward your agreement(s) to GSEF.

THIS IS REQUIRED! Students will be ineligible to participate if the agreement is incomplete or not received in a timely manner.

The [research forms](#) listed below are also required for GSEF eligibility.



Your Regional Fair may already have these on file, but please make sure they have the most recent versions. Your Regional Fair will forward these forms to GSEF.

Required for ALL projects:

- Forms Cover Sheet
- Official GSEF Abstract Form
- Form 1 - Adult Sponsor Checklist
- Form 1A - Student Checklist
- Research Plan/Project Summary
- Form 1B - Approval Form (ONE PER STUDENT)

Also bring **copies** of these forms to GSEF to display at your exhibit (required).

Also required for specific types of projects (see [rules](#)):

- Form 1C - Regulated Research Institution
- Form 2 - Qualified Scientist
- Form 3 - Risk Assessment
- Form 4 - Human Participants
- Form 5A/5B - Vertebrate Animals
- Form 6A - Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents
- Form 6B - Human/Animal Tissue
- Form 7 - Continuation Project

Be sure to check out the **GSEF Event Handbook** for important information, including:

- ▶ Info for Supporting Adults
- ▶ Attendance Policy
- ▶ Event Schedule
- ▶ Common Display Violations
- ▶ What to Bring to GSEF
- ▶ Judging Criteria



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