



# Florida Junior Academy of Science

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## **READ THIS - CASH AWARDS POSSIBLE!!**

LifeStar Foundation will provide up to five \$500 cash awards to FJAS students as a result of their papers and presentations at the Annual Meeting. This organization is engaged in developing programs to combat aging and extend life, i.e. regenerative medicine. Any students projects however remotely connected to that end are eligible. At the present time we are going to be working with our FAS Awards committee to develop some award criteria for these awards.

## Call for Research Papers

All FJAS members are invited to submit their scientific or literary research papers to the preliminary FJAS competition. Because many students competing with experimental papers will also be competing in Regional, State, and Intel International Science & Engineering Fairs, it is imperative that appropriate requirements for these competitions be met including:

- proper completion of forms and approvals **PRIOR** to experimentation.
- experimentation does not exceed 12 months and was begun after January 1, 2008.

Forms do **NOT** need to be sent to FJAS.

Literary papers **MUST NOT** discuss any data collected by the student, only published data may be presented for discussion and analysis.

The instruction sheets for both types of papers are available on the website: Junior Academy pages of [www.floridaacademyofsciences.org](http://www.floridaacademyofsciences.org)

See the "Paper instructions" where the literary follows the experimental information.

## Research Paper Guidelines

See the complete guidelines for writing the paper and judging rubric.

The paper **MUST** meet these guidelines:

- Title page with lay-language title (max 75 characters) and lay-language abstract (max of 100 words) **ONLY**.
- **NO** mention of student name, school, acknowledgments, mentor or facility can appear within the paper.
- Maximum of 20 pages double-spaced

## Submitting the Research Paper

All papers should be sent electronically, if possible. If unable to submit electronically, papers can be mailed and will then be scanned. All papers are sent electronically to the preliminary judges.

After preparing the paper according to the guidelines please save the paper in pdf, rtf, or msword with a filename using

- key words of the paper title
- truncated title of the paper

Do NOT name the file with

- your name (this discounts anonymity)
- generic such as "FJAS paper"

The attachments are not renamed and are sent directly after sorting to the preliminary judge.

Some common errors last year which led to reduced points for not following the directions during the preliminary judging were:

- too large of an attachment (max is 2 MB)
- name on the attachment or within the paper
- too long of an abstract, not in lay-language
- acknowledgments

See complete guidelines on the website under "Entry Form - Competition".

Please check your attachment prior to sending to make sure it meets your expectations.

An e-mail will be returned within 24 hours verifying receipt of the paper.

### Papers can still be mailed

to Pat Zalo to be received by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

2812 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dr W

Bradenton FL 34205-3707

## Guidelines for Presentations

Middle school students have 10 minutes while high school students have 12 minutes to present their material. The judges then have 3 minutes to ask the presenter questions. Students are encouraged to practice their presentations to insure coverage of the entire presentation in the time allotted. **Students planning to use power point presentations are reminded that they and/or their sponsor are responsible for supplying the equipment. Only overhead projectors and screens may be available in each room.** (If more equipment is available I will notify chapters and individuals after the local arrangements meeting in January. This changes with each site. PZ)

## Special Awards for Seniors

Once high school seniors are selected to present at the state competition, an application will be available to submit information for the scholarship and AAAS awards presented at the FJAS competition in addition to the awards. These applications will be sent with the confirmation of presenting students and the competition registration forms.

**FJAS Competition  
St Leo University  
March 21, 2009**

Hotel information is posted in the *Call for Abstracts* on the FAS website.  
[www.floridaacademyofsciences.org](http://www.floridaacademyofsciences.org)

The tentative schedule will be:

9:45 AM Welcome  
10 AM to 12:30 Judging in concurrent sessions  
2 PM Awards Ceremony following the Business Meeting

This information may be updated after a January meeting at St Leo University to discuss details for the competition. At that meeting the type of technology that will be available in each room will also be determined.

**Preliminary Competition Procedures**

Sessions are determined based on each student's application information in the email and the number of papers submitted. It is the goal of the FJAS Coordinator to place similar papers in the same session. To allow for equal chances for all submissions, papers are sorted by grade level first (middle school or high school), type of paper (literary or experimental) and then general area of the experimental papers. If there are too many or too few papers in an experimental area then areas may be split and/or combined at the discretion of the FJAS Coordinator. It is the goal for each preliminary judge to review between 20 and 25 papers and to select the best 10 to 12 which will be invited to compete at the FJAS competition.