



# Virginia Junior Academy of Science

## Sponsor's Update - April 2020

Over the past several weeks, the VJAS Leadership Team continued to process the Scientific Research papers. The papers have been processed by readers and are now moving forward with judging. **A list of acceptances has been posted on the website (<https://www.vjas.org/acceptedpapers.html>).**

The student officers of VJAS worked on **certificates of participation**. The link follows for you to download, fill-in and send to your students. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pqSZTNvAP0tIIE-sO9n3JM2GIM1Lzvlmiv01zP3jeCY/edit?usp=sharing>

Please realize due to the virus several things have occurred. Papers were left at sites that were closed so those papers were not scored or returned – note that the reader scores have been returned electronically – but some papers were physically unable to be picked up. Also, due to some concerns of scoring a Z score may have been imposed to make sure papers were treated equally. **Section awards will be determined by the sum of total scores from each judge in the section.**

The process of **special awards** is as follows:

- students may apply without some requirements like signature, transcripts and reference letters
- students will upload their research paper with the Student Entry page 1
- students will email paper with the subject line stating last name, and special award

The process for **abstract submission** is as follows:

- Please make sure that both the teacher and student proofread the abstracts to make sure it's error free. Students may have their abstracts returned if there's too much to correct.
- For abstract submission, use this link: <https://vjas.org/abstracts.html>  
On the page, there is an embedded form to fill out; you do not need to sign in to a Google Account to submit this form. There are multiple sections to complete.  
In addition to filling out the form, students may directly upload a copy of their abstract in word document. To upload files, it requires sign in to a Google Account, and therefore is an optional component. The link is provided in the abstracts webpage or can be directly be accessed <https://forms.gle/c2iHaPVkJXmxhGVHA>

**Note:** If multiple awards are applied for then, they need to be sent as separate emails. Not all special awards may be awarded or there may be a delay in awarding but you will be updated accordingly. All will receive an awards certificate if they place. Once the winners are determined, sponsors will be alerted that the awards document has been posted.

The process for **officer applications** is the same except I want the form to come from the sponsor so I know that they are supporting these efforts. We are in this together. Thank you for your support!

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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