



**Virginia Junior Academy of Science
Sponsor's Update
October 2019**

Dear Sponsors:

We look forward to hosting you at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA this year for the VJAS Annual Research Symposium. The Symposium will be held from May 27 – 29, 2020. Presentations will be held on Thursday, May 28th.

We have revised our VJAS Handbook and the Appendices and they are now available to download on our website (<http://vjas.org/handbook.html>). As always, please refer to our Handbook and Appendices for complete, detailed information. Some MAJOR revisions were made this past summer - also enclosed with the sponsor's update is an abbreviated table of changes. Below are a number of important points we would like to highlight at this time.

- REMINDER: The Phil Robinson Research Grant deadline is November 1. Please note your school must be a member at the time of submission.
- Please remember that Membership Application and Fees are due January 15. Please use the Membership Application (Appendix B). We are asking for complete information regarding the school and a flat fee of \$50/school.
- This year's deadline for submitting papers with the appropriate student entry fees is no later than Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Please use the VJAS Paper Submission Forms (Appendix C).
- Please pay attention to our project "categories" list in the Handbook pages 13-15. For this coming year, we will actively disqualify papers that are not in the proper category. If in doubt, please contact VJAS Director or the VAS/VJAS Office for clarification and assistance.
- Remember when working on projects look in the scholarship sections to see where they might fit. As for an example, check out the VEE Scholarships: **SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY THE VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL ENDOWMENT The Frances and Sydney Lewis Environmental Science Scholarship**. This \$5,000 four-year college scholarship may be awarded to the student whose project presented at the VJAS Research Symposium evidences the most significant contribution in the field of Environmental Science. The purpose of the award is to stimulate interest in environmental sciences and to enable promising young students to pursue undergraduate studies in a related field. The Virginia Environmental Endowment (VEE) and the VJAS offer this scholarship in tribute to the outstanding and generous services of VEE Directors Emeriti, Frances A. Lewis and Sydney Lewis. **The Henry W. MacKenzie, Jr. Environmental Scholarship** This \$5,000 four-year college scholarship may be awarded to the student whose project presented at the VJAS Research Symposium evidences the most significant contribution in the field of Environmental Science dealing with the James River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay.

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Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. We greatly appreciate all that you do and look forward to your participation!

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