



Dear Science Fair Sponsor,

Please mark your calendars. The State Science Fair Exposition is **May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Paper Session) and **May 4<sup>th</sup>** (Project Session.)

at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

Each year, part of the paperwork that science fair sponsors submit to paper and project chairpersons is a State Agreement Form. Students, parents, and sponsors must agree, prior to the regional fair, that if qualified as a State Finalist at the regional fair they will attend the State Exposition. When a region has “no shows” at State, it gets penalized by a reduction in the number of finalists it can send to the State Exposition. Once penalized, it can take years for numbers to return back to previous year highs. To ensure that our region suffers little to no penalties in our State Finalist quota, we are asking sponsors to distribute the State Science Fair Agreement Form to your students **now or before your local science fair**. This will aid you when determining which students to send to regional competition. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that the students you send to regional competition can, in fact, compete at the State Exposition if they qualify.

Due to the great distance to the State Science Fair we are offering the one time option of opting out of going to state, but still competing in the Regional Fair.

Some sponsors have Science Fair parent meetings each year and we encourage you to do the same so as to fully inform your students’ parents of the entire science fair process, from inquiry question to potential Regional and State Science Fair competitions. Please copy and distribute the State Science Fair Agreement Form on the following page to all your participating science fair students as soon as possible so that parents can mark their calendars!

Sincerely,

JDSTA Board Members

**Illinois Junior Academy of Science  
Region 11  
Project – Paper – Essay – Design  
State Science Fair Agreement Form**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to compete in the Region 11 Science Fair held at the University of St. Francis on **Friday, March 8, 2024**. In order for the student listed above to compete at the Region 11 competition, he/she **MUST** indicate whether they will be able to compete at the State Exposition if he/she qualifies.

If my child qualifies as a State Finalist through this competition, he/she **will be able to attend** the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Exposition at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

My child **will not be able to attend** the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Exposition at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

***Please understand that any “no show” at the State Exposition penalizes the entire region. As a result, a State Finalist’s absence from State competition will be penalized by reducing your school’s allowable Region 11 project, design, paper or essay entries for the following year.***

I have read the above and understand that, in order for the student listed above to compete in regional competition, we must indicate whether that the student will be able to compete at the State Exposition, if he/she qualifies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the above and understand that it is my responsibility as sponsor to ensure that students attending regional competition have agreed to attend state competition if they qualify.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date