



2020 November Newsletter

Greetings from the YES Fair!

Hope everyone's doing well! Below you will find the Guidelines for the 2021 YES Fair and the 2021 Schedule of Events. The Project Form will be online early December 2020 for review. We will continue to update everyone as we proceed forward. **Reminder that GRANT Requests are being accepted now!**

YES Fair 2021 Virtual Guidelines

What are the changes for the Virtual YES Fair?

- Teacher/Advisor/Student registration will begin in November 2020. Teachers and Advisors **MUST** register prior to their students submitting projects. The difference here is that a student must be registered **FIRST** in order to upload the project documents.
- No physical projects will be displayed at any time during the Fair. All projects will be uploaded. Formatting instructions for the project and attachments will be published.
- High School projects are required to upload a 3-5 minute video, a list of questions for the student to answer in the video will be published.
- Students in the 7/8 grade division can also provide a video with their project, it's not required but highly encouraged.
- For High School students, the video will replace the initial round of interviews that normally happen at the Fair. The second round of interviews will happen via video call.
- Past awards and prizes will not change for the 2021 Fair, and there will actually be an increase in prizes for the 2021 Fair.
- All of the rules and safety guidance in the [YES Fair Rules Book](#) apply to projects entered at the fair.
- On March 19, 2021, the YES Fair will broadcast a live awards ceremony on Facebook.

What does a Virtual Project look like?

- Projects will be presented using a Project Form (PDF). The PDF is fillable, or the student can recreate the same form using the format. All project board information, photos, journal and workbook items must be labeled exactly like the project form. NO physical project board is required.
 - Registered students will receive an email instructing them how to log in to upload their project forms, attachments and video. Photos and attachments will be uploaded separately.

Schedule of Events

<u>Oct 1-Dec 15, 2020</u>	<u>Grant Applications</u>
<u>November 1, 2020</u>	<u>NEW Rules and Guidelines</u>
<u>November 1, 2020</u>	<u>Registration opens (Teachers/Advisors/Students)</u>
<u>December 15, 2020</u>	<u>Deadline for human/animal project review</u>
<u>Feb 1, 2021</u>	<u>Registration closes</u>
<u>Feb 1, 2021</u>	<u>Project upload portal opens</u>
<u>Feb 22, 2021</u>	<u>Project upload deadline</u>
<u>Feb 26, 2021</u>	<u>Judging begins</u>
<u>March 9-11, 2021</u>	<u>Schedule High School interviews (by school)</u>
<u>March 15-17, 2021</u>	<u>High School video interviews</u>
<u>March 18, 2021</u>	<u>Announce Scholarship and Special Awards</u>
<u>March 19, 2021</u>	<u>Virtual Award Ceremony</u>