

Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair



November 30, 2006

Dear Science Fair Awards Coordinator:

This letter is an invitation to participate as a Special Award donor at the 2007 Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science & Engineering Fair. As you know, each year we encourage area businesses as well as professional and educational organizations to award prizes at the Fair, which is now entering its 50th year.

The Fair will once again take place at the Automobile Building in Fair Park March 24-25, 2007. All judging will be done on Saturday morning, March 24. Orientation for our Special Award judges will take place that morning at 9:00 a.m., and judging will begin immediately after orientation at 9:30 a.m. Judging will be completed Saturday by 1:00 p.m.

There is no minimum or maximum number of awards your organization can donate. The judging criteria and the nature of the award (cash, savings bond, plaque) is up to you. As always, Special Award donors are required to underwrite the cost of the Awards Banquet for the recipient of each prize they donate and that student's teacher (see enclosed Donor Prize Form for details).

Donors also need to provide judges to determine their winners on Fair day. You provide the awards to us prior to the Fair (this is critical!), your judges determine and report the winners to our officials on March 24, and we take care of the rest!

All Special Award donors are highlighted in the Awards Banquet program and on our official website DallasScienceFair.org.

For your convenience, I am enclosing information and forms that you will be asked to review and complete should you chose to participate. These include a Donor Prize Form, Special Awards Judges Form, Prize Information Sheet and suggested Judging Criteria. Please note that the Judging Criteria are for your general information only- you may prefer to supplement these guidelines with additional criteria that reflect the uniqueness of your organization. We ask that forms be returned by Friday, December 22, 2006, if at all possible.

The Special Awards component is critical to the success of our Regional Science Fair, and is truly a wonderful way for professionals to support and endorse excellence in education. Should you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to call Shirley Melton at (214) 768-2495.

Thank you for your support and consideration!

Fred Olness
Fair Director
Southern Methodist University

Randall Scalise
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Simon Dalley
Fair Director
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**2007 BEAL BANK DALLAS
REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR
PRIZE INFORMATION SHEET**

IMPORTANT!!

Thank you for agreeing to be a Special Award donor! The following options are offered to expedite the gathering and personalization of awards, the disbursements of prize money, and the collection of banquet money.

1. **You may send your prize money payable to the Dallas Regional Science Fair (or DRSF)** and we will then generate the check for the award winner. This check will be issued to the winner at the banquet with all the other special and general Science Fair awards. Only one award will be represented on each check.
2. If your prize contains a certificate that you wish to have personalized, we can do this for you free of charge. If your prize contains a plaque that you wish to have personalized (engraving), we can have this done for you for a fee of \$5 per plaque (engraving of name only).
3. If your prize is a savings bond, we can contact you promptly after the Fair with the name, address and social security number of your winner, or we can process the bond for your winner(s) for you.
4. Banquet sponsorship money is paid as follows: **for each award given (except for Honorable Mentions, who do not attend the Awards Banquet), the Special Award donor sends \$30 to pay for both the student and his/her teacher to attend the Awards Banquet.** If you select a group project as your winner, you will NOT be charged an additional fee for the additional student(s).
5. All prize, personalization and banquet money can be sent on one check, payable to the DRSF.

Hopefully this information will make coordination and delivery of your Special Awards easier. Please remember award winners are NOT to know that they have won a prize until the formal announcement on Sunday, March 25th. This is to protect the students, their families and their teachers from potentially hurtful misinformation.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact Dr. Fred Olness at (214) 768-2500.

Our sincere thanks once again for your support of science education!

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Donor Prize Form

Please mail or fax back by Friday, December 22, 2006

Donating Organization: _____
(As you would like to be listed in Fair publications.)

Donor Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel (____) _____

Fax (____) _____

Prizes to be Awarded for the 2007 Regional Fair

<u>Title of Award</u> (Senior Division 1 st place, etc.)	<u>Prize</u> (\$50.00, Calculator, etc.)	<u>Banquet Cost**</u> (Required for EACH award except for Honorable Mention.) \$30
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	_____ +	_____ = TOTAL _____

**** \$30 covers the cost of both the student and their teacher**

Award Criteria: *(Best in a particular science, outstanding meteorological project, etc.)*

Mail Awards and Payment by Friday, March 2nd to:

**Department of Physics / Science Fair
 Fondren Science Building, Box 0175
 Southern Methodist University
 Dallas, Texas 75275-0175
 Tel: 214-768-2495 / Fax: 214-768-4095**

**2007 BEAL BANK DALLAS
REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR
SPECIAL AWARDS JUDGES FORM**

Please complete and return by Friday, December 22, 2006!!

(please type or print clearly)

ORGANIZATION: _____

2007 JUDGES:

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

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JUDGING CRITERIA**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR JUDGING A SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
FAIR PROJECT**

A good project should involve the scientific method:

Purpose + Hypothesis + Procedure + Results + Conclusion

The criteria listed below is provided for your information and suggested use:

I. CREATIVE ABILITY 0-30 points

Does the project show creative ability and originality?

II. SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT/ENGINEERING GOALS 0-30 points

Is the problem stated clearly and does the project have a clear objective?

III. THOROUGHNESS 0-15 points

Does the project carry out its purpose to completion within the scope of its original aims?

IV. SKILL 0-15 points

Does the student have the skills required to do all of the work related to the project?

V. CLARITY 0-10 points

How clearly is the student able to display and discuss the project?