

Colorado Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF)

2025 Finalist Permission Form

(one form per student)

FINALIST'S NAME:

PROJECT DOCUMENTATION: The following must be returned ASAP to your Regional Fair Director (RFD) in order to consider your registration complete and ready for Scientific Review Committee (SRC) evaluation.

- **COMPLETED** and signed Finalist Permission/Verification Form (one per student).
- **COMPLETED**, signed and dated CSEF Abstract Form (one per project).
- **COMPLETED**, signed and dated copies of these ISEF or CSEF forms: Checklist for Adult Sponsors Form (1), Student Checklist Form (1A), Research Plan, and Approval Form (1B).
- **COMPLETED**, signed and dated copies of other ISEF or CSEF forms required for the type of project.

REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT: Registration fees are \$40/STUDENT, checks should be made out to CSEF and sent to P O Box 1465; Fort Collins, CO 80522-1465 by March 28th. To pay via electronic transfer, use Venmo: @Courtney-Butler-114, but make sure that we are not charged any fees for that transfer.

FINALIST'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CSEF:

I, the above-named Finalist, understand that by registering online with the CSEF and submitting this form to my Regional Fair Director, I am making a commitment to present my project at this year's CSEF, April 3 – 1, 2025 and agree to the following:

- My project will remain set up from 12 noon on Thursday, April 3rd until 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th.
- My digital project materials will be submitted by March 21st and will remain available through the CSEF website to the judges and the public through at least May 31st.
- I will be present at my project from 12:45 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 3rd for judging interviews and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th for public and media viewing.
- I will be present at the Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 4th *or I will appoint someone to accept any awards I may win on my behalf.*
- I will allow CSEF to use any photos/video taken of me and/or my project in CSEF publications and on the CSEF website for promotions and the media.
- *I understand that if I do not honor this agreement (without previous arrangement with my Regional Fair Director and the CSEF Director) I may be disqualified from the competition. If I am unable to participate in the Colorado Science & Engineering Fair, I will notify my Regional Fair Director immediately.*

ETHICS PLEDGE:

I affirm that the information that I am presenting at the 2025 Colorado Science & Engineering Fair is my own independent research and presented in my own words with proper citations. It represents only one year of work and does not include fraudulent data, plagiarism or inappropriate use of AI. I understand that if I did use AI, I have outlined how it was used in my research summary and that I may be asked by SRC, CSEF officials and/or judges to explain its usage in my research.

Finalist's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION:

As the parent or legal guardian of the above named Finalist, I am granting permission for my student to participate in the CSEF, April 3 – 5, 2025 and agree to the following:

- My student is allowed to sign up for and participate in the tour and presentation activities offered by the CSEF on Friday, April 4th.
- Any student needing special scheduling accommodations will need to submit a waiver form to the CSEF Director by March 28th. Please contact the director at director@csef-colo.org to get a copy of the form.
- In consideration of the Colorado State Science Fair (CSSF), Inc. and Colorado State University permitting the above named student to take part in the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair, I, the undersigned, waive all claims against CSSF, Inc. and all sponsors for injury to or death of persons or loss or damage of property in any way occurring in connection with the CSEF, and I, the undersigned, agree to indemnify and hold CSSF, Inc. and Colorado State University harmless against all such liability.

PHOTO RELEASE:

Colorado State University and CSSF, Inc. consistently captures photos and video of students, faculty, staff and visitors throughout the Colorado Science & Engineering Fair to collect and showcase authentic experiences of the event. Many of these photos and videos may be used to promote Colorado State University and CSEF on websites, editorials, magazines, blogs, newsletters, social media, digital signage across campus or paid advertising. This release authorizes us to use the content we capture to help promote the organization and experiences at Colorado State University. Thank you for your consideration!

I (“Guardian/Parent of a CSEF Participant”) authorize The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System (“CSU”) and the Board of Directors for the Colorado State Science Fair, Inc., acting through its agents, employees, or representatives, to take photographs, video recordings, and/or audio recordings of my student, including their name, their image, their likeness, their performance, and/or their voice (“Recordings”). I also grant CSU and CSSF, Inc. an unlimited right to reproduce, use, exhibit, display, perform, broadcast, create derivative works from, and distribute the Recordings in any manner or media now existing or hereafter developed, in perpetuity, throughout the world.

I agree that the Recordings may be used by CSU and CSSF, Inc., including its assigns and transferees, for any purpose, including but not limited to, marketing, advertising, publicity, or other promotional purposes. I agree that CSU and CSSF, Inc. will have final editorial authority over the use of the Recordings, and I waive any right to inspect or approve of any future use of the Recordings. I acknowledge that I am not expecting to receive compensation for my student’s participation in the Recordings or for any future use of the Recordings. I release and fully discharge CSU and CSSF, Inc., and its employees, agents, and representatives, from any claim, damages, or liability arising from or related to my participation in the Recordings or CSU’s and CSSF, Inc.’s future use of the Recordings.

To the extent the Recordings contain personally identifiable information from any education records as defined by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I hereby consent to the disclosure of such information for the purposes stated above to any individuals determined by CSU and CSSF, Inc. to be necessary and appropriate to effectuate said purposes.

I have read this entire consent and release form, I fully understand it, and I agree to be bound by it. I represent and certify that I am entering in to this agreement for my student who is under the age of 18 as their parent or legal guardian.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____