

Upper Miami Valley Science Days

Special Awards

Science Day Projects are judged based on how well the student understands and follows the scientific method and/or the principles of engineering design, demonstrates knowledge of the subject matter, originality of the project, and clarity of expression. Projects receiving “Superior” scores (36-40/40 points) at an UMV County Science Day are eligible to compete at the District level. In addition, top scores are recognized with certificates and special awards.

Sponsored awards are judged separately from the “point” judges. Sponsors are encouraged to provide individuals to judge each award, or they may request that a judge be provided by the committee. Sponsors are also encouraged to present their award(s) at the Awards Ceremony following the competition. It is the goal of Upper Miami Valley Science Days that all 2024 District 1 Science Day events be held in-person. Virtual on-line judging will only occur if governmental and/or host institutional restrictions prevent large in-person events from taking place in February and March 2024.

Please consider supporting a category with one or more awards. You may wish to choose a category which best represents science or engineering used within your business or that follows employee career paths. Sponsors may offer a first place only award, or provide additional placings if you choose. It is requested that the award be \$50 or greater (or an appropriate item of that value) for a first place project. If the sponsor’s judge does not feel any of the projects in the category merit an award, no award need be given. Category Sponsors will be acknowledged during the Awards Ceremony, listed in the Science Day Program, and included in all news releases throughout the season.

How to become a sponsor:

1. Complete the Category Award Pledge Form and submit to the address on the form. You do not need to send awards at this time. Those won’t be needed until February. If you wish to sponsor an award at more than one County event, please use a separate County Science Day Form for each one. If you wish to sponsor an award at District Science Day, please use the District Science Day Form.
2. Provide one or more judges to review the projects and select award recipient(s). Sponsor’s judge or other representative presents award recipient(s) with the award during the Awards Ceremony.

Even if you choose not to participate, I encourage you to attend the event and see for yourself the quality of future scientists and engineers found in our schools. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Shelby County Science Day: Thursday, February 01, 2024 – Anna Local High School
Miami County Science Day: Thursday, February 08, 2024 – Tippecanoe High School
Champaign County Science Day: Thursday, February 15, 2024 – Urbana High School
Darke County Science Day: Thursday, February 22, 2024 – Greenville High School
District Science Day: Saturday, March 09, 2024 – Edison State Community College

Special Category Awards Pledge Form [COUNTY]

YES! We will sponsor a category award at 2024 Upper Miami Valley Science Days.

(Please Print or Type all information requested on form.)

Indicate which County Science Day you wish to sponsor (circle):

Champaign Co. Darke Co. Miami Co. Shelby Co. No Preference

(If you sponsor awards for more than one county, please use separate form for each one)

Sponsor (Company or Individual): _____

Sponsored Award's Contact Person: This person is responsible for supplying and verifying all information concerning this award.

Title _____ Full Name _____

Institution or Employer (if applies) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Sponsored Award's Judging Chair: This person is primary judge for the sponsored award. _____ Check if same as Contact Person above, or:

Title _____ Full Name _____

Institution or Employer (if applies) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Project Topic Category Being Sponsored: _____

See attached list. May combine categories for award purposes if appropriate.

Award Name: _____

Ex: "Acme Nursery Award for Plant Sciences"

Selection Criteria: (If you wish you may detail) Ex: "Outstanding project in Plant Science research." _____

Award & Value: Ex. – cash, check, gift certificate, gift card, books, lab equipment, etc.

_____ Estimated value: \$ _____
(If more than one award to be given, please detail on reverse side of page, i.e. 1st, 2nd, etc.)

Mail form to Upper Miami Valley Science Days, 790 E. Shoop Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371

or email form to: info@ohiouvsvsd.com

Questions to: Martin English at: info@ohiouvsvsd.com

Special Category Awards Pledge Form [DISTRICT]

YES! *We will sponsor a category award at the* **YES!**

2024 Upper Miami Valley District Science Day.

(Please Print or Type all information requested on form.)

Sponsor (Company or Individual): _____

Sponsored Award's Contact Person: This person is responsible for supplying and verifying all information concerning this award.

Title _____ Full Name _____

Institution or Employer (if applies) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Sponsored Award's Judging Chair: This person is primary judge for the sponsored award. _____ Check if same as Contact Person above, or:

Title _____ Full Name _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Project Topic Category Being Sponsored: _____

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(Please use COUNTY Form for County Science Day Awards)

Science Fair Project Topic Categories Awards & Special Awards

Animal Sciences
Behavioral & Social Sciences (Human)
Biochemistry
Biomedical and Health Sciences
Biomedical Engineering
Cellular & Molecular Biology
Chemistry
Computational Biology Bioinformatics
Earth & Environmental Sciences
Embedded Systems
Energy
Engineering Mechanics
Environmental Engineering
Material Science
Mathematics
Microbiology
Physics & Astronomy
Plant Sciences
Robotics and Intelligent Machines
Systems Software
Translational Medical Sciences

See category descriptions at:

<https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/categories-and-subcategories/>

Other Examples of Special Awards

Award for Best Presentation of Data (Tables & Graphs), any category
(judged independently of 40 point scoring)

Award for Best Abstract, any category
Based on grammar, composition, and best explains purpose, means,
and results of research. (judged independently of 40 point scoring)

Award for Best Project from _____ School District
(based on 40 point scoring – may require re-judging for tie-breaker)

Grand Prize for Best Overall Project (County Science Days only)
(based on 40 point scoring – may require re-judging for tie-breaker)