

## FAQs for WESEF 2021 as of Nov. 24, 2020

Q. Are the videos showing how to register available at [www.wesef.org](http://www.wesef.org) ?

**Videos are posted on the WESEF website , yes but please PLEASE do NOT just share the registration link with your students. Please DO work with each one of them to register to avoid problems.**

Q. Does every SR teacher need to create an account or just one as a school representative

**Yes, every teacher from a school that teaches science research should create their OWN Account**

Q. Do we have to use the “school” email address to register? My district blocks the kids’ ability to receive outside emails. (Can we use the same non-school email again later when it asks for a non-school email?)

**Students can use outside email addresses if your school blocks their school email address. In addition, all students have to include a non-school email as well, even if their school email does work for the registration.**

Q. Can students submit last year’s project?

**Yes, check off the appropriate box from drop down.**

Q. Is there a confirmation for uploading forms? How will it appear in their application?

**It says “VIEW” once you have submitted the online application.**

Q. For file uploads, is there a size limit? I ask because one student of mine had an issue with file size for STS.

**Yes, but the file size should not interfere as the limit is fairly large so this should NOT be a problem**

Q. Do you want all these files named a certain way? LastnameForm#.pdf? Or does it matter

**This is not mandatory but strongly recommended as it will make it easier to find a file if there is an issue. Files should be saved as "Last Name, First Name - Name of form or file"**

Q. Is there a video for the students that explains the upload process for their forms, abstract and paper?

**These instructions were not was not a video but the "Instructions for Paperwork Upload" can be found in the Student section of the WESEF website. Please remember not to just have your students register by themselves. Please complete the registration process with each of them!**

Q. I just tried to register - not getting a verification email...and my email acct is up and running -

I checked the junk folder already...

**It is possible that you will need to register with a different account rather than using your school account. If this persists, please let us know.**

Q. I registered for an account on zFairs and verified my email address but how do students register for WESEF? It said that I need to give them a unique URL or something.

**Please be sure to work with each student as they register. You will avoid a lot of problems and potential disqualifications by working with them during this brief registration process.**

Use this link

<https://ny-wesef.zfairs.com/?f=4c87b346-b0b0-4ba8-ab11-bea2425f839d&stdReg=y&StudentRegPass=47420da3-40d6-4c70-b63d-d90d1e22b6a2>

Q. Can we be given the full list of category choices for the students to preview and think about before we register them? **It is in on page 5 of the handbook in the teacher tab on the [www.WESEF.org](http://www.WESEF.org) website**

Q. Does ISEF not accept continuation projects?

**Yes, they do accept continuation projects under certain circumstances. Please refer to this section "Continuation/ Research Progression of Projects" in the official ISEF rules booklet <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/rules-for-all-projects/>**

Q. How come on the ISEF forms page, the second page of form 1A is missing? That was the page called the "Research Plan/Project Summary Instructions" and it was very helpful.

**We noticed that ISEF did not have this page included in conjunction with their form 1A as it has usually been on <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/forms/> However, it is still included with form 1A via this link**

<https://sspcdn.blob.core.windows.net/files/Documents/SEP/ISEF/2021/Forms/All.pdf>

Q. I remember hearing something about including the role of the mentor vs. the role of the student on the research plan but don't see that on the ISEF research plan outline.

**It is very helpful for all students to include a few sentences clarifying the role of the mentor vs. their (student) role so that the WESEF SRC can be sure the project is compliant with all of the WESEF and ISEF rules.**

Q. If a student was in a lab last year collecting the data but analyzed the data this year, do they need the original forms from the lab or can they submit the original forms from last year; (given that they didn't revisit the lab this year)

**It's not considered a NEW project. Since the project began with Data Collection previously, it needs the Continuation Paperwork.**

Q. You mentioned previously if they are doing last year's project, they need to attach a "note". What is that exactly? Is that still true? Thanks. **The note is not necessary anymore. This question is addressed in one of the drop down choices as a part of the registration.**

Q. For team projects, do both students have to upload paperwork?

**No, the project is linked.**

Q. Earlier emails indicated there would be a poster template being used for all students this year. Do you have any additional info on that?

**WESEF Board will be putting the information out shortly as we are meeting within the next week or so to finalize the details. However, it is very likely that all participants will have to upload a mini-poster (format will be sent soon) and 1 pdf file, landscape orientation with approximately 12 pages that shows all of the content that a poster would show. This is the information that the students would present to the judges. The mini poster would be for the judges to view if they chose to.**

**\*\*\* The due date for uploading the mini-poster and the pdf (presentation) file will be closer to the date of WESEF. These are NOT due when the other forms, abstract and paper is due. More information about these files and the upload date will be forthcoming.**

Q. The WESEF Payment section of the handbook originally indicated the due dates for submission of materials were on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> however this should have been changed to Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

**It is essential that you ONLY register students that you are very confident will be ready for WESEF with consideration of all of the rules and restrictions listed above in the Registration/SRC section. Online registration will open November 18th and will close on December 8th 2020. (This is correct. The registration WILL close on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Since WESEF will be virtual, we are pleased to offer a reduction in price per student. The cost will be \$30 per student (as opposed to the typical \$60/student price) for the regular deadline submission of all materials **(Dec. 8) This should have said (Dec. 15)**. Fee is non-refundable regardless if a student drops or is disqualified (due to student or teacher error).

Any project that opts for the extended paperwork deadline must submit total payment of \$130 (\$30 for regular deadline + \$100 extended deadline fee) along with forms 1, 1a, 1b and research plan by the regular deadline ~~(Dec. 8)~~ This should have said (Dec. 15)

and then will submit their paper and abstract by the January 8th deadline. The extended deadline fee is a per-project fee, meaning individuals and teams both would pay the \$100 if seeking the extended deadline. However, a team of two would only need to pay an additional \$100 (combined) if they opted for the extended deadline.

Please plan ahead if your school/district will pay with a purchase order. There is usually a major delay between a request for payment (PO) and when the check is written. Final payment for purchase orders in the form of a school-issued check must be postmarked NO LATER than ~~January 8, 2021~~. This should have said January 15, 2021