



At the Georgia Science & Engineering Fair, Georgia's top middle and high school students are invited to showcase their original research, compete for awards, and interact with top-level professional scientists. Participation of outside organizations and businesses in the Special Awards process helps students to understand how their fits into a real-world context and is valued by actual scientists, researchers, and other professionals. The fair's success depends on award sponsors like you. Special Awards encourage research in a particular area, reward a trait you admire, or may be given for any other purpose you value. **If you are new to Special Award sponsorship and would like to discuss the process in more detail, please contact Laura Brewer at GSEF@georgiacenter.uga.edu.**

A. NAME OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, DEPARTMENT, BUSINESS, OR INDIVIDUAL

B. PRIMARY CONTACT

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
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C. PAYMENT CONTACT

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

D. AWARD JUDGES — Check (✓) one and provide judge names if applicable (OK to type "TBD")

GSEF judging will take place at The Classic Center in downtown Athens, GA on Friday, April 4, 2025. Special Award judging begins at 12:30 p.m. and concludes by 5:30 p.m. (arrival and departure times are flexible).

- We **will** send our own **judge(s)**, listed below, to select the winner(s) of this award in Athens on Friday, 4/4/2025.
- We **cannot** send our own **judge**. Please have GSEF select our winner(s). *Opting not to send a judge will qualify your award as a gift and it will be tax deductible, provided GSEF procures the award item(s).*

Our 2025 Special Award Judge:

Name: _____
(include "Dr." if applicable)
 Title: _____
 Address: _____

 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Additional 2025 Special Award Judge #2:

Name: _____
(include "Dr." if applicable)
 Email: _____

Additional 2025 Special Award Judge #3:

Name: _____
(include "Dr." if applicable)
 Email: _____

Attach separate page for additional judges

E. AWARD PRESENTER — Check (✓) one and provide presenter name if applicable (OK to type "TBD")

The Awards Ceremony will be held at The Classic Center in downtown Athens, GA on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

- We **will** send a **presenter**, listed below, to give this award at the Awards Ceremony on 4/5/2025 from 3:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- We **cannot** send a **presenter**. We would like GSEF to present the award on our behalf.

Presenter's Name (incl. "Dr." if applicable): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Enter award details on the following page. →

- ← Or, if you are a returning sponsor and wish to use the same award details and criteria as last year (or most recent year award was offered), check this box. **Please review the content on the following page**, as some informational text may have changed, but it is OK to leave the form fields blank. GSEF will follow up with any questions about this year's award.

AWARD DETAILS

Title of Award: _____
Examples: US Metric Association Award; Ricoh Sustainable Development Award; UGA Biology Department Award

of This Award to be Given: _____
If more than one, will they all be equal or will there be, for example, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, one JR one SR, etc.?

Basic Criteria:
(select one in each column)

PROJECT TYPE	DIVISION	EXHIBIT CATEGORY – see Category List
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Either	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Only (6–8 th grades) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Only (9–12 th grades) <input type="checkbox"/> Either Junior or Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Both (one or more to each division)	<input type="checkbox"/> Any category <input type="checkbox"/> Limit to these categories/areas: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

Additional Criteria:
(e.g., “Project shows exceptional creativity and independent thought”)

Student(s) winning this award will receive (check all that apply):

Item	✓	Procured/Supplied By	How many of item?	In the amount of:	Amount due GSEF
Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor will design certificate		n/a	0
	<input type="checkbox"/>	GSEF will design and print certificate <i>(prefer to pair with another award item)</i>		n/a	0
Check <small><i>If giving multiple checks for different amounts, clarify in ‘Comments’ below</i></small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor will write check directly to student			0
	<input type="checkbox"/>	GSEF will procure check for student* <i>(GSEF will invoice sponsor after event.)</i> → <i>If winner is a TEAM project:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Members split check equally, OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Each member receives full check amt (invoice total will be higher)</i>			
Plaque for Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor will procure and engrave plaque for winning student		n/a	0
	<input type="checkbox"/>	GSEF will procure and engrave plaque <i>(GSEF will invoice sponsor after event.)</i> → <i>If winner is a TEAM project:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Members share one plaque, OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Each member receives own plaque (invoice total will be higher)</i>		\$49 each	
Plaque for School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor will procure and engrave plaque for winner’s school		n/a	0
	<input type="checkbox"/>	GSEF will procure and engrave plaque <i>(GSEF will invoice sponsor after event.)</i>		\$49 each	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Describe in ‘Comments’ below. <i>E.g., non-monetary gift (book, microscope, etc.), scholarship, internship, expense-paid trip, special opportunity, etc.</i>			

Add a GSEF General Donation or Event Sponsorship

Special award funds go directly to the award recipients. GSEF also relies on donations and event sponsorships to provide the best experience possible for all of our young researchers. From support for equipment rental and venue expenses to provision for meals for hundreds of volunteers, event sponsorships and donations are essential to GSEF’s continued success.

If you would like to add a tax deductible donation in any amount to support GSEF operations, please enter the amount here:
Interested in becoming a GSEF event sponsor? Contact us or [click here to learn more.](#)

EST. AMOUNT DUE GSEF (GSEF office will send invoice *after* the GSEF event):

Comments/Explanations:

Please send form to gsef@georgiacenter.uga.edu or the mailing address below. If you wish, include in your email a description (100–200 words) of your organization, its mission, and its commitment to STEM education/outreach for GSEF to share.

GSEF will provide an invoice for funds due GSEF following the event. Please make checks payable to “UGA Foundation” with “GSEF 9160600” in the memo line. UGA departments may pay by UGA Foundation transfer, but we regretfully cannot accommodate interdepartmental transfers. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes, with the exception of awards for which the sponsor’s representative selects the recipient.

***Regarding GSEF–Procured Checks:** Students must submit paperwork to claim check awards, which they are encouraged to complete on-site at GSEF. Occasionally, students opt to mail/fax the paperwork after the event. GSEF will follow up with the student, parent, and teacher with reminders to send outstanding paperwork to claim award. After four reminders, unclaimed awards will be allocated to GSEF’s general donation fund to support GSEF operations and future participants.