



# Metropolitan SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

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Dear Science Professional,

January 21, 2022

On January 20, the Board of Directors approved the transition of the Forty-Third annual Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair (MSEF) to be held as a 100% virtual event in response to navigating issues related to Covid-19. As a result, there will be an asynchronous online judging round from March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and a live remote video round on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 7:30 am to 12:00 noon. Please consider volunteering as a judge for one or both rounds. We hope you will join us as we continue to inspire the next generation of STEM professionals. We ask ALL to complete the Google form at the link provided below.

**Currently, we are recruiting volunteer judges for the fair and we are especially hopeful you can assist as a judge! The DEADLINE to SIGN UP is February 18, 2022.**

The entire event will take place virtually via the RocketJudge platform. A timeline of judging rounds is provided below:

**Round 1 (Preliminary):** March 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, judges will submit scores after viewing video recordings and reading reports (via RocketJudge)

**Round 2 (Final):** March 24<sup>th</sup>, a selected judge panel will participate virtually live (via RocketJudge) from 7:30am to Noon for final round judging.

Volunteer judges will be needed for both Junior and Senior Division projects. Categories include, but are not limited to the following: Biology/Botany, Chemistry/Environmental Science, Medicine & Health/Life Science, Earth & Space Science/Geology, Engineering, Physics, Math/Computer Science.

Additionally, one of the things students missed last year compared to the in-person fair in 2020 was the inability to interact with you, our science professionals! We are hoping to circumvent that problem by showcasing you, our judges, on our website! This will come in the form of STEM Career Highlights. **Please know this is totally voluntary and in no way are you required to do this component if you choose to volunteer as a judge for the science fair.**

We are hoping to gather a five minute or less video on you and your career to provide students in the fair with a chance to see a variety of professions in STEM, and a chance for you to showcase what you do as well. We just wanted to share a new element to the fair this year that we hope can engage our students in STEM careers in our Omaha Metropolitan community and beyond! If interested, please let me know (there is also a question on the new Google form in regards to this) and I can provide more details then.

Sincerely,  
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## **SIGN UP FORM LINK**

<https://forms.gle/gMoBCiUemjkUqyKC9>