



# 2013 California State Science Fair Alternate Projects

Congratulations! Your project has been selected as an alternate to represent the Ventura County Science Fair at the California State Science Fair, April 15-16, 2013, which is held at the California Science Center in Exposition Park, just south of downtown Los Angeles. As an alternate, your application will be accepted if space is available within your fair's allocation after qualified projects are accepted. You must still meet the same application deadline as for qualified projects.

The California State Science Fair is the final science fair of the academic year for students in grades 6-12 throughout the State of California. This year nearly 1000 students from every corner of the State are expected to compete for approximately \$50,000 in total awards and scholarships.

**How to Apply:** The application to the California State Science Fair is online. There is no paper application. Simply visit the CSSF web site at

<http://www.usc.edu/CSSF/>

and click on the link near the top entitled "Application Process." The first thing to do is *download and read the Official Application Packet*. Then complete your application.

**Deadlines:** Owing to the California State Science Fair opening on this coming Monday, your application instructions differ from those for other affiliates as follows:

**Submission Deadline:** You must submit your application to the California State Science Fair no later than tomorrow, Friday, Apr 12, at 11:59 pm. Your application is considered "submitted" when you push the "submit" button on the application's final page. Don't wait until the last minute. It may take you longer than expected.

**Team Projects:** All members of the team must submit an application, though only the *first* member to do so needs to include the entire Project Summary.

**Decision Date:** You will be informed on Saturday, Apr 13, (through the email address you provide on your application) whether your application has been accepted. If it has, then follow the rest of these instructions.

**Application Fee Deadline:** Your Application Fee and Signature Card must be **brought to Registration on Monday, Apr 15**. When you arrive, please come directly to the Trouble Table. Do not start in the Registration line because you will just be sent to the Trouble Table. Expect the line to be long. Tell the people at the Table that you are from Ventura.

**If your project involved human subjects, vertebrate animals, or potentially hazardous biological agents,** complete the CSSF Certification Card (or ISEF forms 4, 5, or 6) and bring it to the Trouble Table. This requires an advisor's signature.

**If your project was done in a professional research environment,** you must satisfy Display Regulation #8. Bring a letter to the Trouble Table from your research advisor at that institution explaining what you did and what the institution did for you. ISEF Form 1C is an acceptable alternative.

**For Further Information:** Download the complete Application Packet from our web site above.