



2010 Student Checklist

How to Participate in the Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science & Engineering Fair

Benefits of participating in the Beal Bank DRSEF

- Study something that interests you. Follow your own ideas. Go beyond what is taught in the classroom.
- Win cash awards, scholarships, and other prizes.
- The chance to travel to other competitions at State, National, & International level.
- Prepare yourself for college with independent work.
- Stimulate the interest of the public in science.
- Meet scientists & engineers who are experts in your field of study.

Step 1:

Identify a Topic

Jun – Nov. 2009: Identify a topic, start your research, and formulate your hypothesis. All public and private school students, grades 7-12, covering TEA Region 10 are eligible to participate.

Step 2:

Complete ISEF Forms

Jun – Nov. 2009: After identifying your project, **but before you begin your experimentation**, go to the ISEF Forms Wizard (linked from DallasScienceFair.org) and fill out the required forms; this ensures you are following the necessary safety procedures. Every project needs at least an Official ISEF Abstract, ISEF forms 1, 1A, 1B, and a Research Plan. Be careful about dates on forms. Give a **copy** of the forms to your teacher and keep originals safe.

Step 3:

SRC/IRB Forms Approval

Deadline Nov. 13 2009: If your experiment requires Scientific Review Committee (SRC) approval - *for example, if you are working with bacteria* – or Institutional review Board (IRB) approval – *you are working with human subjects* - your teacher must request it. You will be **disqualified** if you begin your experiment before you have received final SRC/IRB approval. ISEF forms returned from the SRC/IRB with signatures become your new originals. Always retain the latest original; send only copies.

Step 4:

SRC/IRB Forms Revision

Deadline: Dec. 11 2009: If the SRC/IRB requires revisions to your experiment, you must revise your forms and have your teacher resubmit **copies** to the SRC/IRB for approval before the deadline.

Step 5:

Participate in School Fair

Step 6:

Register for the DRSEF

Strict Deadline: Midnight Feb. 12, 2010: If you are a “winner” at your fair and are selected to represent your school at the DRSEF, you may go online to DallasScienceFair.org to register your project. If possible, print a copy of your confirmation page and bring it to the DRSEF in case of problems. For a **team project**, only one registration is needed for the whole team. No late registration will be accepted.

Step 7:

Verify Registration

From Feb 15, 2010: You may check that your registration has been approved by your teacher by going to DallasScienceFair.org **If there is a problem, contact your teacher (not DRSEF) immediately.**

Step 8:

Participate in the DRSEF

Feb 27, 2010: Refer to the website for the day-of-fair student information.

IMPORTANT: To compete in the DRSEF, you must bring to the Fair check-in either a paperwork Approval Form that your district will give you or a copy (not the original) of all your signed ISEF forms.