

2026 Mississippi Science and Engineering



Fairs Upper Fair Abstract Form

**This form must be complete and attached to each registration.
Failure to attach the abstract form will result in disqualification.**



Individual Name or Team Member #1 _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____ EMAIL _____

Team Member #2 _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____ EMAIL _____

Project Title _____

School Name _____

COMPLETING THE ABSTRACT:

Abstracts should be 25-250 words. The abstract must be typed single spaced in
12 point Times New Roman Font.

The abstract should include the following:

- a) *Purpose of the experiment*
- b) *Procedure*
- c) *Data*
- d) *Conclusions*

It may also include any possible research applications. An abstract must not include the following:

- a) *acknowledgments (including naming the research institution and/or mentor with which you were working), or self-promotions and external endorsements*
- b) *work or procedures done by the mentor*

Research Category

Check one only

- ☐ 0100 Behavioral & Social Sciences
- ☐ 0200 Biochemistry
- ☐ 0300 Inorganic Chemistry
- ☐ 0400 Organic Chemistry
- ☐ 0500 Earth, & Environmental Science
- ☐ 0600 Animal Sciences
- ☐ 0700 Biomedical & Health Sciences
- ☐ 0800 Microbiology
- ☐ 0900 Physics & Astronomy
- ☐ 1000 Engineering Mechanics
- ☐ 1100 Mathematics & Systems Software
- ☐ 1200 Robotics & Intelligent Machines
- ☐ 1300 Plant Sciences

Competition Category

Check one only

- ☐ Class 3 (grades 7 & 8) State
- ☐ Class 4 (grades 9, 10, 11, & 12) ISEF

TIPS ON WRITING A PROJECT ABSTRACT

A project abstract is a brief paragraph or two (limited to 250 words or 1,800 characters) highlighting and/or summarizing the major points or most important ideas about your project. An abstract allows judges to quickly determine the nature and scope of a project.

- Emphasize these aspects: purpose (hypothesis), methods (procedures used), data summary or analysis, and conclusions.
- Focus only on the current year's research.
- Omit details and discussions.
- Use the past tense when describing what was done. However, where appropriate use active verbs rather than passive verbs.
- Use short sentences, but vary sentence structure.
- Use complete sentences. Don't abbreviate by omitting articles or other small words in order to save space.
- Avoid jargon and use appropriate scientific language.
- Use concise syntax, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

AVOID A REWRITE

- Focus on what you did, not on the work of your mentor or of the laboratory in which you did your work.
- Do **NOT** include acknowledgements, self promotion or external endorsements. Don't name the research institution and/or mentor with which you were working and avoid mentioning awards or honors (including achieving a patent) in the body of the abstract.
- Be sure to emphasize the current year's research. A continuation project should only make a brief mention of previous years' research (no more than a sentence or two).