PROGRAM: APS members can give an APS award at their local or regional science fair at the elementary, middle, or high school level. Student winners receive an APS t-shirt, APS pin, APS trading cards and a certificate for the best physiology project. The teachers of the winning students will receive the APS book, Women Life Scientists: Past, Present, and Future and a teacher resource packet.

A limited number of awards will be available each year on a first come, first served basis. Applications must be submitted no fewer than 6 weeks prior to the Science Fair date. The award materials will be mailed to the APS member.

The program is an outreach activity of the APS Careers Committee with support provided by the APS Council. The goal is to encourage APS members to participate in their local and regional fairs. The program will provide opportunities for students from elementary through high school to learn what physiology is and to become “associated with the field” through recognition of their work. The program also builds connections between APS members and their local schools. Finally, it encourages local fairs to promote physiology-based projects to their students since there are potential awards to be won.

ELIGIBILITY: Any APS regular member who is faculty in good standing who participates as a judge in a local or regional science fair at an elementary, middle, or high school is eligible to apply to receive support to present an APS award.

The judge (or judges) must be an APS member in good standing who is willing to present the award on behalf of the APS to the student with the best physiology project. (One winning student per science fair) After the science fair, the judge will report on the winner via an online report form. Winners will be posted on the APS website. Please note: APS members should follow appropriate rules for avoiding potential conflicts of interest to assure that their participation in the judging does not appear to be biased. APS members should not judge projects developed by members of their families or extended families, or children of their lab group members.

AWARDS: The winning student will receive an APS t-shirt, APS certificate, APS trading cards and a “Physiology Researcher” lapel pin. The teacher of the winning student will receive a resource packet and an APS resource book.

LIMIT: We encourage APS members to participate as science fair judges at different grade levels throughout the year. However, an APS member can only request support for one APS student award package per year at each level.

REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION: After the award has been presented, the following must be submitted by the web site follow-up form within a week:

- Student Awardee full name, gender, grade level, and title of project.
- Teacher’s name, school name and full address of school.
- Please write a brief description of your experience while judging the science fair and why this physiology-related project was chosen.
- Photos with student awardees and brief captions. Please submit original jpeg files only.

REQUEST AN AWARD PACKAGE:

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