

JUDGING

The judging committees are made up of leading science educators and science and technology experts. Judging is divided into two phases: regional and national judging. All eligible projects will be evaluated in the regional judging phase. 24 regional winning teams will move on to national judging.

The judging criteria for assigning points are based on creativity, scientific accuracy, communication, and feasibility of the project's vision. Judges award higher scores to entries that are unique and different from those that have won previously.

"I credit ExploraVision for me choosing a health career and forever being fascinated with science."

Betsy Bush, 1993 Winner

CHECK LIST FOR PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

MANY CREATIVE AND EXCELLENT PROJECTS ARE DISQUALIFIED EACH YEAR DUE TO TEAMS NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES.

Please ensure that teams "check off" and adhere to each item below before submitting to help ensure a qualified project. We encourage you to ask someone who has not been involved with the project to review for compliance.

- Project submission includes a Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Official Project Entry Form. (See page 7 of this brochure.)
- Team consists of two, three or four student members and a coach. The mentor is optional.
- Each project includes an Abstract that is clearly labeled and precedes the Description on a separate page (not counted as part of the Description).
- Abstract is 150 words or less.
- Project title is at the top of the first page of the Description.
- The following sections in the Description are clearly labeled and presented in *exactly* the following order: Present Technology, History, Future Technology, Breakthroughs, Design Process and Consequences. The project will be disqualified if sections are missing or out of order.
- Description is no more than 11 pages.
- Project includes a Bibliography (not counted as part of the Description).
- Exactly five Sample Web Pages are submitted.
- Student, coach, mentor and school names do not appear in the Abstract, Description, Bibliography or on the Sample Web Pages.
- Project is submitted in English.
- Description is typed and double spaced, on standard 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, with 1" margins.
- The font is a standard 12-point size or larger, but no larger than 18-point size.
- Completed project submissions, including all Sample Web Pages, must be received at NSTA by 5:00 pm EST, February 1, 2016.

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