**** **Why participate in the Science and Engineering Fair?**

 **Scholarship and Opportunity Awards:**

 The State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida is proud to offer Special Awards and Scholarship Opportunities. The prestigious Governor’s Opportunity Award – for the National Youth Science Camp is also available.

 Examples:

* Florida Institute of Technology Scholarship Award - $84,000
* University of Central Florida Pegasus Gold Scholarship - $14,000
* University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Scholarship - $2,500

 **Special and Premium Awards**

 These Awards are donated by business, industry, professional and technical societies, and other interested organizations or individuals. These donors wish to

 provide recognition to students’ projects that share their individual and professional research preferences. The Special Awards are judged exactly as the donor specifies. A project may win more than one Special Award. Premium Awards are awarded to specific Place and/or Grand Award Winners. Monetary awards for a Team project are shared among the Team members/students.

 Examples:

* Catalent Pharma Solutions’ Patient First Award - $1,000
* Dr. Nelson Ying Scholars’ Grand Awards - $1,000
* American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, Florida Section - $500 First Award, $300 Second Award, and $200 Third Award.

** Top 10 Reasons to Participate in Science and Engineering Fair:**

1. Earn scholarship money and cash awards.
2. Learn the scientific method and understand Nature of Science standards in depth.
3. Develop project management skills.
4. Acquire research skills.
5. Strengthen math skills.
6. Hone public speaking skills.
7. Polish your college application.
8. Explore STEM Careers.
9. Discover your passions and interests.
10. Network for college.