

2015-2016 Endorsement Information

General Information for all endorsements.

- All endorsements can be found on our website – www.cpsscifair.org or cssf.org. The forms are fill-able; they can be saved and printed. Please complete all information requested. All endorsements must be typed and include required signatures.
- All endorsements must be received by the due dates indicated in the 2016 Handbook. Endorsements can be scanned and emailed or mailed through GSR to the appropriate Scientific Review Committee member. NO endorsements will be accepted after the due date. NO project without the proper endorsements will be allowed to participate at the Regional Network Science Fairs.

Request for Human as Test Subjects Endorsement

For any students who started working with a research professional over the summer and will be submitting this work as a project, the date submitted on the endorsement form must be the date that the student began the research. For any projects conducted under the supervision of a professor or scientist at a university, hospital or research facility, the *deadline for receiving the endorsement request is October 16, 2015*. The receiving deadline for projects that will be conducted at school or home is November 13, 2015.

The endorsement request form must be typed and include signatures; all questions addressed and must be submitted with one copy of the Informed Consent Certificate to be considered for approval.

Request for Non-Human Vertebrate Animal Endorsement

For any students who started working with a research professional over the summer and will be submitting this work as a project, the date submitted on the endorsement form must be the date that the student began the research. For any projects conducted under the supervision of a professor or scientist at a university, hospital or research facility, the *deadline for receiving the endorsement request is October 16, 2015*. The receiving deadline for projects that will be conducted at school or home is November 13, 2015.

The endorsement request form must be typed and include signatures along with any additional required paperwork to be considered for approval.

Concerning non-human vertebrates, whether working with one or twenty-one vertebrates; a family pet or a remotely familiar group; the application must still be signed by a veterinarian prior to submitting it for approval and prior to project work. The exception is for those working with a research lab would require a signed letter from the institution.



Microorganism Endorsement Request

All projects involving microorganisms REQUIRE an endorsement. Even if the microorganism is listed on the approved list (page 77), an endorsement is still required.

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The endorsement request form must be typed and complete, including signatures and any additional required paperwork to be considered for approval.

Briefly describe procedure, safety precautions while conducting experiment, and disposal methods for biological materials and potentially hazardous waste.

The following must be included with the endorsement request:

- Original signed letter on institute stationary as described on page 1 of the Request for Microorganism Endorsement form, if the project was conducted at an institution.

Human or Vertebrate Tissue Endorsement

For any students who started working with a research professional over the summer and will be submitting this work as a project, the date submitted on the endorsement form must be the date that the student began the research. For any projects conducted under the supervision of a professor or scientist at a university, hospital or research facility, the *deadline for receiving the endorsement request is October 16, 2015*. The receiving deadline for projects that will be conducted at school or home is November 13, 2015.

The endorsement request form must be typed and complete with signatures and any additional required paperwork to be considered for approval.

Briefly describe procedure, safety precautions while conducting experiment, and disposal methods for biological materials and potentially hazardous waste.

The following must be included with the endorsement request:

- original signed letter on institute stationary as described on page 1 of the Request for Human or Vertebrate Tissue Endorsement form.

Source for Review of Biosafety

- http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/BMBL5_appendixH.pdf



Recombinant DNA Endorsement

For any students who started working with a research professional over the summer and will be submitting this work as a project, the date submitted on the endorsement form must be the date that the student began the research. For any projects conducted under the supervision of a professor or scientist at a university, hospital or research facility, the *deadline for receiving the endorsement request is October 16, 2015*. The endorsement request form must be typed and complete with signatures and any additional required paperwork to be considered for approval.

Be sure to briefly describe the experimental procedure, identify any potentially hazardous biological agents, describe how these agents or cultured materials will be disposed of, and describe safety precautions that will be taken when conducting the experiment.

The following must be included with the endorsement request:

1. copy of NIH approval of research on Recombinant DNA in approved facility,
2. original signed letter on institute stationery as described on page 1 of the Recombinant DNA Endorsement Request.

Request for Firearms Endorsement

Endorsement must be typed and submitted with all necessary documentation to be considered for approval. *The deadline for receiving the endorsement request and documents is October 30, 2015.*

Request for Firearms Endorsement and documentations must be mailed to the appropriate Scientific Review Committee member.

