



Dear Science Teachers and District Representatives,

The College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville, in conjunction with the Academy of Applied Sciences and the United States Armed Forces, is pleased to sponsor the 2017 Kentucky Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). The program supports and recognizes high school students who engage in original scientific research. At the regional symposium, students present their work in a professional conference-style setting and compete for scholarships and recognition. The top 5 students will earn an opportunity to attend and possibly present their work at the National Symposium in April-May 2017.

*The Kentucky JSHS will take place at the University of Louisville on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, 2017. To assist with planning, we ask that schools/teachers interested in participating complete the Letter of Intent Form and return it by December 20, 2016.*

Students should prepare their research projects as per the JSHS guidelines. Guidelines can be found on the JSHS website at <http://www.jshs.org/guidelines.html>. Students will submit their final papers by January 20, 2017. A panel of experts made up of university faculty and industry representatives will review the research papers and decide which students will be finalists to participate in the regional symposium. Selected students will have their registration and meals provided by the conference. In the case of teachers/students traveling long distances, the conference will also pay for one night in a hotel. All travel to/from Louisville is the responsibility of the students and/or school districts.

We anticipate inviting up to 40 students from across Kentucky to attend the regional JSHS event in March. Invitations will be sent to students on the basis of preliminary scoring of their research papers. We hope that you will encourage your students to participate in this exciting event. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Symposium organizer(s). If you do not currently teach high school science, please pass this information along to interested colleagues.

Sincerely,

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