

## ELIGIBILITY

Any student in grades 6-12 enrolled in a public, private, parochial, military, or home school within the following counties is eligible to try for entry into the CTSEF: Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Navarro, and Robertson.

**ALL** projects must have been approved for entry by the CTSEF through [Scienteer.com](http://Scienteer.com) prior to the local school fair. Winning at the local level guarantees only that a student is *eligible to apply for entry* in the CTSEF.

Only current year forms and applications are used to determine eligibility of and participation by a student researcher.

The project submitted to the CTSEF must be the student's own work. It is the student's responsibility to check with the CTSEF for any additional restrictions or requirements.

CTSEF may certify the top three entries from each category of the junior division and senior division to enter state competition. Two Senior Division Finalists may be certified for international competition. Students must meet all ISEF rules and guidelines and not be over 21 years of age by May 1 of the fair year.

The CTSEF is under contract with Society for Science and the Public and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) to conduct the regional fair according to the rules and guidelines that ISEF has set. **Participants must observe all the rules in this handbook.** Ignorance of these rules will not excuse anyone from meeting the entry requirements. The purpose of these rules is to provide basic guidance and to protect students, teachers, and parents, as well as human participants and animal subjects.

## ETHICS

Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Plagiarism, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, and fabrication or falsification of data will not be tolerated. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs or the ISEF. All projects must adhere to the Ethics Statement.