

SCIENCE FAIR ESSAY CONTEST JUDGING SHEET

Entry Number _____

Clearly evident – most points awarded

Somewhat evident – middle points awarded

Not evident – least points awarded

CRITERIA	POINT RANGE	POINTS AWARDED
Purpose – question and hypothesis are clearly stated	0, 10, 20	
Scientific Argument – conclusions are adequately supported without unsubstantiated opinion	0, 10, 20	
Organization – the writing flows logically with clear structure	0, 5, 10	
Content – subject is discussed clearly, fully and matches topic	0, 5, 10	
Data & Graphics – includes data and graphics that are supportive of the argument	0, 7, 15	
References – attributes sources with proper citation per rules for grade category.	0, 5, 10	
Standard Usage – uses proper grammar, spelling and punctuation	0, 3, 5	
Neatness & Structure – paper is presented appropriately and according to contest rules (including word minimums, font, font size and spacing)	0, 3, 5	
Effectiveness – the essay could be understood by the student's peers	0, 3, 5	

Total (100 max) _____

Judges comments: