

About SEFH

Since 1958, the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston (SEFH), Texas' largest STEM competition, has provided a preeminent stage for aspiring scientists and engineers (grades 6 - 12) to celebrate their work. The University of Houston STEM Center along with Chevron, the presenting sponsor, has played an integral role in the longevity of the program and remains a proud sponsor of this prestigious event.

Each year, thousands of students compete in local fairs in Houston and 23 surrounding counties, but only 1,200 advance to SEFH. This February, qualifying students will compete for place and special awards in the SEFH. Winners of the competition will advance to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair. Grand Awardees will compete internationally at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair—the world's premier STEM competition.

Volunteering at SEFH

Each year, more than 100 volunteers across a spectrum of activities are needed. Volunteer opportunities are available during the event in a range of shifts. We encourage you to explore all of the volunteer opportunities and experience SEFH.

SEFH Volunteer Dress Code:

As a volunteer, you may be asked to assist in a variety of tasks. (Such tasks include loading and unloading supplies, setting up the exhibit hall floor and assisting students and judges with registration). For this reason, we ask that you dress comfortably. Due to safety concerns, closed toed shoes are required. Avoid wearing athletic shorts, ripped or tattered jeans and t-shirts and clothing that may be deemed as derogatory or perceived as offensive. Upon arrival, you will receive a volunteer badge from the Volunteer Registration table. Due to security reasons, please wear this badge at all times.

Volunteers are critical to the success of this event. Your commitment is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your commitment to the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. We look forward to seeing you!