

DELAWARE VALLEY SCIENCE FAIRS, INC.

The Delaware Valley Science Fairs, Inc. (DVSF) was founded in 1949. Today, DVSF is a non-profit entity located at and partnering with Drexel University. It is now also one of the largest and oldest fairs in the country. The Fairs were designed as a vehicle for stimulating interest in science and technology among students in middle and high schools in the tri-state (Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware) area. The philosophy behind the Fairs is that students learn science by doing science.

In the fall of each school year, teachers introduce the science fair program as an extracurricular activity or as part of the academic program. Students choose from one of 14 categories. Along the way, their topics and methodology are reviewed by the DVSF Scientific Review Committee to guarantee that proper scientific safety procedures and guidelines are being followed.

Within each category, First, Second, and Third Place winners are chosen by teams of judges who sometimes also designate Honorable Mention awards. All medal winners and their teachers earn an all expense trip to a designated city where an International Science and Engineering Fair is held.

PSCT annually judges at the tri-state DVSF at which time Honorable Awards are given with cash rewards to 3 students, who have elected to do science in the environment, coating, and/or other categories related to our industry. An annual donation is also made to DVSF separate from the awards to the students.