

## **CT-JSHS 2021 Requirements for the Virtual STEM Poster Exhibition**

For the virtual exhibition you will create two parts:

1. A PDF document of your poster.
2. A 3-minute video of you explaining your poster.

### **Poster PDF**

- ❖ If 2021 were to be an in-person year, your poster dimensions would be 36" high x 48" wide. Instead, for this virtual year, you will not be printing it, but you will still create the poster with that same "3 height by 4 width" ratio in mind.
- ❖ Create the poster in your choice of software. We recommend PowerPoint. Save the file as a PDF named as follows: "last name.first name.poster.pdf".
- ❖ Don't load it with text. (That is, if 2021 were to be an in-person year, you would want it to be viewable from a distance.)
- ❖ The title should be 72-point font. The student's name and region (Connecticut) should be included, and the type size should be 48 points. All other lettering should be in 24-point font size.
- ❖ The poster should be balanced and organized in a logical, sequential order.
- ❖ To keep the amount of text to a minimum, use graphics, tables, charts, and graphs as much as possible to convey information. These graphic elements should be cited on the poster.
- ❖ Photographs and other illustrations may be used. Figures may be in color. All figures should be cited, even if you took the picture.
- ❖ E-mail the pdf of your poster to [ctjshs.erickson@gmail.com](mailto:ctjshs.erickson@gmail.com) by Friday, February 26, 2021.

### **Video**

- ❖ You will make a 3-minute video giving an explanation of your project. Imagine that you only have these 3 minutes to sell your project to investment bankers. What would you say? Remember to let the poster speak for itself, but take time to explain the why, lessons learned, and your conclusions. Put in your value statement—how your project makes X better.
- ❖ Practice your explanation several times before you record it.
- ❖ Upload your video to YouTube as an unlisted video. Send us the link at [ctjshs.erickson@gmail.com](mailto:ctjshs.erickson@gmail.com) by Friday, February 26, 2021.
- ❖ Students will be encouraged to view your video and poster online as part of Exhibit Quest, which takes place prior to the virtual symposium, during the week of March 1–5, 2021. Students (including you) who take part in Exhibit Quest will have the chance to vote for the People's Choice Award and earn raffle entries.
- ❖ During Exhibit Quest, students may ask questions on your YouTube site. You should key in your responses to those questions.