

## Olympic Peninsula Science Fair Stipend

To encourage students at all levels to participate in the sciences, cash stipends are being offered to K-12 students in the following amounts: Four, \$50 awards for elementary school students; two, \$100 awards for middle school students; two, \$100 awards for high school students; two, \$200 additional awards from any of the above. As a prerequisite the student must apply for participation in the Washington State Science Fair. Written application and fees are due May 1st of the year prior to the year of the Science Fair you will participate in; interviews will be held May 15th to May 30th.

These are NOT prizes for completed research, like those given out at the annual Science Fair. Instead, these awards are offered in advance of starting your research, to give you a head start on a great project for NEXT year.

Rules: Participants must apply and have accepted a science Fair project to be presented at the Washington State Science Fair; provide a letter of intent of participating in the stipend competition and a proposal for the science Fair project without any reference to the applicant. The proposal should include the following sections: Hypothesis, purpose, methods and materials, results, conclusions, and discussion. Complete and eligible applications will be screened, and selected applicants will be invited to describe their project to a panel of judges. Ten finalists will be chosen to receive stipends. The awards are made with the expectation of increasing the participation and interest in the sciences. The stipend is also intended to help with the cost of developing and presenting a science Fair project. The stipend is funded from a private individual and is not affiliated with the WSSEF at this time. The WSSEF is acting as a screening tool, since a scientific review committee is already in place. When possible, a mentor will be provided to the participant as well as information on other scholarship opportunities. Future goals are to have this stipend funded by an endowment to the WSSEF.

**Applications:** To attend the WSSEF, register on-line at www.wssef.org.

**More Olympic Peninsula Science Fair Stipend Information:** Contact Dr. Michael Huey <a href="mailto:drh@myrootcanal.com">drh@myrootcanal.com</a> to address additional questions. Be sure to specify that you are contacting him with questions about the Science Fair Stipend.