Since 1950, the Minnesota Academy of Science has promoted excellence in STEM education and research by providing middle and high school students with opportunities to showcase their original scientific research and compete for awards and prizes at the state level.

500 students qualify for SSEF, out of more than 3,000 competing in regional fairs.

Each year, more than 400 STEM professionals and other adults serve as judges and volunteers at SSEF & JSHS.

35 companies & organizations give 100+ prizes and awards totaling $20,000 or more.
What’s your favorite thing about science fair?
“Learning new things and connecting with people who share the same interests.” --Christine

“I’m definitely thinking of going into a field in science.” --Cassandra

“Science fair encourages us to find solutions to problems we’re passionate about.” --Harini

“I was able to find something that could potentially help people.” --Nick

“Without science fair I probably wouldn’t know I like STEM at all.” --Jerome