

Dear Family Member,

Does your young scientist enjoy coming up with creative solutions to problems? Do they question the natural world around them or wonder why existing problems do not already have solutions? Consider having your young scientist enter the 2024 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Science is all around us, and this exciting program empowers your student to create an innovation to improve the lives of those around them.

The 3M Young Scientist Challenge is the **premier national science competition** for students in grades 5 through 8. Discovery Education and 3M share the goal of inspiring students to explore the wonders of science, achieve new levels of academic success, and consider how they can be the solution seekers of tomorrow. Over the past ten years, hundreds of thousands of middle school students have been nominated to participate in the competition, and winners have gone on to speak in front of members of Congress, work with the nation's top scientists, and pursue academic careers in the sciences.

Your young scientist could receive recognition as a **state merit winner**, or even become one of **10 finalists participating in the Final Challenge Events and Summer Mentorship Program** with a **3M Scientist**. The winner takes home the grand prize of **\$25,000** and the title of: **America's Top Young Scientist**!

To enter your student in the Challenge, simply visit the website <u>YoungScientistLab.com</u> and follow the steps to complete the online Participation Consent Form. Then have your young scientist create a short video describing a new innovation or solution related to a real-world problem and enter by **11:59PM ET on May 2, 2024**. For thought starters, tips from previous winners, judging criteria and complete rules, visit <u>YoungScientistLab.com</u>.

The 3M Young Scientist Challenge promises to be an incredible journey for young participants. I hope you consider entering your child in the 2024 competition!

Sincerely,



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