

2015 AFMS Program Competition

The purpose of this Competition is to recognize and reward authors of presentations about the Earth Sciences and to make winning programs available to affiliated Clubs across the country. Digital presentations, or video, relating to the Earth Sciences, are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes – or - "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" for "commercial" presentations.

* Each program is judged on its own merits. * Entrants in amateur categories will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score. Winners may be asked to make some changes based on judges' comments before final version is produced for duplication. (contact Coordinator for details)

* Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available on AFMS website (www.amfed.org), from AFMS Coordinator or your Regional Program Librarian.

WHO MAY ENTER Any Club, Society, or members thereof, with 2015 dues paid to a Federation affiliated with AFMS may enter.

(Does not apply to "Excellence in Education" entries)

DEADLINE for entry: April 15, 2015

CLASSES FOR ENTRIES

Class 1 -Educational - about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

Class 2 -Field Collecting - showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.

Class 3 -"How To Do It" - techniques/equipment for fossil prep., jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.

Class 4 -"Just for Juniors" - any of the above for/by youngsters.

"Excellence in Education" entries are judged separately.

JUDGING (Judges look for:)

- accuracy of information / educational value
- quality of photographs / visuals completeness of story - but not "too much" information
- narration that moves well from one image to the next
- presentations that explore an area of interest or
- demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try
- title, credits and "The End" "slides" For CD, DVD or VIDEO entries

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- amateur entries: **do no send in DVD format for judging.**
 - submit a copy preferably in PowerPoint or similar format, *without author's credits*, for anonymity
 - if possible send entry on a flash drive instead of CD.
 - may be 'live action' or static "slides"
 - integrated audio is preferred but not required for judging, however audio will be added for final version.
 - include typed script if there is no audio
- 35mm SLIDE PRESENTATIONS can be considered, however please contact Coordinator before sending entry.

AWARDS

A \$200 cash prize for the highest scoring program (for 95+ points), \$100 if score is 94 - 90 points, in Classes 1 - 4. In addition, Winners receive national recognition. A copy of each winning program is given to each Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to Clubs across the country. **Winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet at Austin, TX, Oct. 24, 2015**

PROGRAM LENGTH

Adult programs: 30- 40 minutes is optimum

Juniors: 20 minutes suggested maximum

REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION

By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS to duplicate / transfer their entry to DVD format for the Regional Libraries. Flash drives will be returned after duplication. 35mm slides will be scanned, and returned to producer. Non-winners will be returned after AFMS Convention. **Reasonable precautions will be taken to protect program while it is in our hands.**

TO ENTER: Fill out entry form (or copy) and ship with carefully packed program to address below.

DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:

AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Doug Moore
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54481-1242, email: steinhund@gmail.com

2015 ENTRY FORM

I / we submit "

_____”
(presentation title)

In [circle one] Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4
"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" (for programs produced "for sale")

Producer(s) _____
(your name/s) (include your Office if Club entry)

Parent's name (if junior entrant) _____

Member of _____

(Club name)

Federation _____

_____”
[street address]

[city]

[state]

[zip]

Preferred contact(s): phone _____

best time to call: daytime / evening

e-mail _____

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE?

No ___ Yes ___ Cost: _____