How to Write Your Abstract

After finishing research and experimentation, you are required to write a 250-word (maximum) abstract. The abstract is to be submitted on the Official Abstract and Certification as provided by the State Science and Engineering of Florida. **The top box of the Abstract must include:**

•Complete TITLE OF THE PROJECT – must match the Title on the Entry Form and Display •Student(s)

•School, City, State

**Select the Category –** note: these are the **Categories for the SSEF of Florida.** Finalists selected by their Regional Fairs for the Intel ISEF will be completing a different abstract online and will have some other category choices.

**Completing the Abstract:**

Abstracts are limited to a maximum 250 words and must fit within the predefined area.

***The abstract should include the following:***

a) Purpose of the research

b) Procedure

c) Data

d) Conclusions

It may also include any possible applications. Only minimal reference to previous work may be included. An abstract **must not include the following:**

1. Acknowledgements (including naming the research institution and/or mentor with which you were working) or self-promotions and external endorsements

b) Any work or procedures done by the mentor

**Completing the CERTIFICATION:** At the bottom of the Abstract & Certification form there are 7 questions. Read each question carefully and answer appropriately. The Scientific Review Committee (SRC) will review and approve the abstract and answers to these questions. **The abstract will be CERTIFIED by the SRC and you will receive the certified copy before setting up your project. Allow space on or in front of your project to Display the CERTIFIED ABSTRACT.**