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The Annual Meeting of the Academy provides the opportunity for individuals involved in science in Minnesota to meet their colleagues and to hear or present the results of research with a regional emphasis. The meeting location is rotated throughout the state.

### WINCHELL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Awards are given to the best undergraduate research papers presented at The Minnesota Academy of Science Annual meeting.

### JOURNAL OF THE MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

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### STATE SCIENCE FAIR

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The Academy coordinates the State Science Fairs in the nine regions of Minnesota. From approximately 2,500 participants (selected from 25,000 local competitors), 450 are selected to present their projects at the Minnesota Academy of Science State Fair, which is held in the Twin Cities each year. At the fair, more than 100 organizations and businesses present scholarships and awards to students with outstanding projects and research papers. Dozens of students receive expense-paid trips to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair in May of each year.

### JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

At this Symposium, high school students from Minnesota and the Dakotas present the results of their scientific research in a formal presentation to over 100 students, teachers and judges. The five top research paper presenters receive an expense paid trip to the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

### RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP

The Academy coordinates the placement of two students in a college/university so that they may conduct scientific research. Both the student and at the host receive a stipend.

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### SCIENCE BOWL

Four person teams from middle and high schools in Minnesota, compete in a College Quiz Bowl format. The questions for this event are from all fields of science and math. The winning team receives an expense paid trip to compete at the National Science Bowl sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.