

STEM Best Practice Student Awards

Criteria	Fair	Good	Excellent
Passion for STEM	Talks about STEM but not very excited or clear.	Shows some interest in STEM, but needs to explain why it's important or interesting.	Demonstrates genuine excitement for STEM and explains why it's fascinating and important.
Leadership and Initiative	Shows some initiative in STEM	Demonstrates consistent initiative in STEM	Demonstrates exceptional initiative in STEM
Academic Excellence	Talks about school but doesn't mention achievements or successes.	Mentions doing well in STEM classes, but doesn't explain why it's important or how it reflects their passion.	Explains their achievements in STEM classes or projects and why they're proud of them.
Community engagement	Talks about school activities but doesn't mention personal interests outside of class.	Talks about personal interests in STEM outside of school, but doesn't explain why they're meaningful.	Describes their involvement in STEM activities both in and out of school and explains why they're passionate about them.
Extracurricular involvement	Participates with occasional dedication	Regularly participates with dedication	Consistently participates and shows dedication
Life long passion for STEM	Talks about the future but doesn't mention STEM or their plans for it.	Talks about their future plans in STEM, but it's not clear if they're committed to it.	Clearly articulates their long-term commitment to pursuing a career or further education in STEM and explains why they're dedicated to it.

Note:

This rubric provides students with clear guidance on how to present their passion for STEM, specifying areas of interest, academic achievements, personal involvement, and long-term commitment in a way that's comprehensible and achievable for them.