

**Message from Thomas Tailer, USESO President:**

Most of the nation's schools are currently shut down due to COVID-19. Many states are now under shelter in place mandates.

Because of the risk of spread of the COVID-19 virus we will not be sending any exam packets to schools or to teachers. We will be sending the exam packets to the student's homes and thus are now offering a take at home exam so as to maximize social distancing and minimize the potential spread of the virus.

The exam packet must NOT BE OPENED or tampered with until the exam is to be taken under video surveillance by an online proctor who knows the student.

Because there is a risk that the USPS will slow or shut down in parts of the country, we recommend registering, sending in the exam fee and taking the exam sooner as opposed to later.

The students will need to arrange for a proctor who knows them and is a public figure. The proctor can be a teacher or administrator from the school that they attend, or a spiritual leader from a spiritual institution that they attend. The proctor will remotely monitor the student taking the exam using cell phones and or computers.

The exam packet must be opened only when the student is ready to take the exam and is under the virtual supervision of the online proctor. The details of the proctoring will be sent to the student and the proctor when the student registers the name and email of their proctor.

The exam may be taken when the student, parents and proctor agree upon a date and time, and mailed back to us as soon as possible. The student may work on the exam for no longer than 2.5 hours in only one sitting. The proctor must be in video contact with the student during the entire exam period, and be able to document that exam protocol is followed by the student..

We will use the exams we have as of May 30th to select the best students in the country. Those students will receive certificates of excellence to document their outstanding achievement with the USESO, and be invited to join in a virtual summer program. We are working with other countries and hope to hold a virtual International Earth Science Olympiad this August. We will select the students to represent the USA from students who participate in our summer virtual institute.

We will also be happy to use the results of both the national exam and participation in our summer institute as a way to write letters of recommendation to help our students apply to University. Last year we helped our students apply for scholarships, and gain admittance into Stanford, Harvard, MIT and other prestigious academic institutions.

The cost of the at home exam is \$70 per student. If you have already sent us some money, please take that into account when sending us a new check to cover the balance due.

Please make the check out to IESO USA

And send it to

IESO USA co Beth Tailer

5 Jericho Rd. Essex Jct. VT

05452-2707

We will also need you to send us your proctor's contact information. Please also have your proctor email us the same data set so as to be able to confirm the following data.

Proctor registration data

The full legal name of the student you are willing to proctor:

Student's date of birth:

Students email address:

Proctor's full legal name:

Proctor's relation to the student (teacher, rabi, etc.):

How long have you known the student and in what capacity?:

Proctor's organization affiliation (name of school, church, etc.)

Proctor's email address:

Proctor's phone number:

To send you the exam packet, we will need to know all of the following data including your home mailing address.

Student's Full Legal Name:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Gender identification:

Email address:

Home Mailing address:

School Name:

Proctor's name:

Proctors email address:

What is your relationship with the proctor?:

Parent/Guardian 1

Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Parent/Guardian 2 (optional)

Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

**If you have any other questions please let us know. Stay safe!**

**Tom Tailer**

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