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MARCH 30 IS APPLICATION DEADLINE
FOR STATE SCIENCE FAIR

MISSOULA--

Applications for participation in the 21st Annual Montana Science Fair, which will be held April 9-10 at the University of Montana in Missoula, should be mailed by March 30, Dr. Leonard E. Porter, director of the fair, has announced.

The fair, which is cosponsored by UM and the Missoula Exchange Club, is open to all high school and junior high school students.

Porter, an associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University, said a variety of awards, including ribbons, books, calculators and scholarships, will be presented at the State Science Fair.

The young man and young woman who are Grand Award winners in the high school division competition in the 1976 State Science Fair will be eligible for an expense-paid trip to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair May 9-15 in Denver, Colo.

Last year about 70 Montana schools were represented at the Montana Science Fair at UM. Since the science fair was founded in 1956, an estimated 5,600 students have participated in the event. Dr. Reuben A. Diettert, now emeritus professor of botany at UM, founded the State Science Fair and directed it for 18 years.

The award banquet for the 1976 State Science Fair will be at noon Saturday, April 10, in the University Center. Banquet cost will be \$2.25 per person, the same as last year.

Additional information concerning the Montana Science Fair may be obtained from Porter at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801.