



Microorganism Endorsement 2026-2028
Middle School Projects
The Illinois Junior Academy of Science



Students and sponsors conducting a **microorganism project must complete this form and obtain all required approvals PRIOR to beginning experimentation**. Before starting the project, both the student(s) and sponsor must **read and follow all applicable rules in the IJAS Policy and Procedure Manual**. Projects requiring review by a **Scientific Review Committee (SRC) or other required review body must receive approval before experimentation begins**.

The signatures of the student(s) and sponsor certify that the project was conducted in accordance with all applicable **IJAS rules, regulations, safety requirements, and approval procedures**. Failure to obtain required approvals or comply with IJAS requirements may result in **disqualification of the project at the state level**. This completed form must **follow the Safety Sheet in the project paper and be displayed on the project board**.

Complete all boxes of the following chart.

Genus and species of organism(s) being used.	
List the location where the lab work was conducted.	
Name of the reputable source that supplied the organism(s).	
Method of disposal of the organism(s) being used.	
Were there any violations of IJAS Safety Rules that were either approved by the IJAS SRC or by a qualified institution?	☐ If yes, check here and include the letter from the IJAS SRC or the qualified institution where the project was conducted.
Describe the use of microorganisms in this project.	
Other precautions taken to ensure microorganisms are used safely in this investigation.	

I/We the student(s) who conducted this project have followed each of the steps listed above and have used all of the safety precautions stated.

Signature(s) _____ **Date** _____

I, the sponsor of this project take responsibility for the instruction of the student on safety precautions and/or verified the safety credentials of any institution with which they worked.

Signature _____ **E-mail** _____ **Date** _____