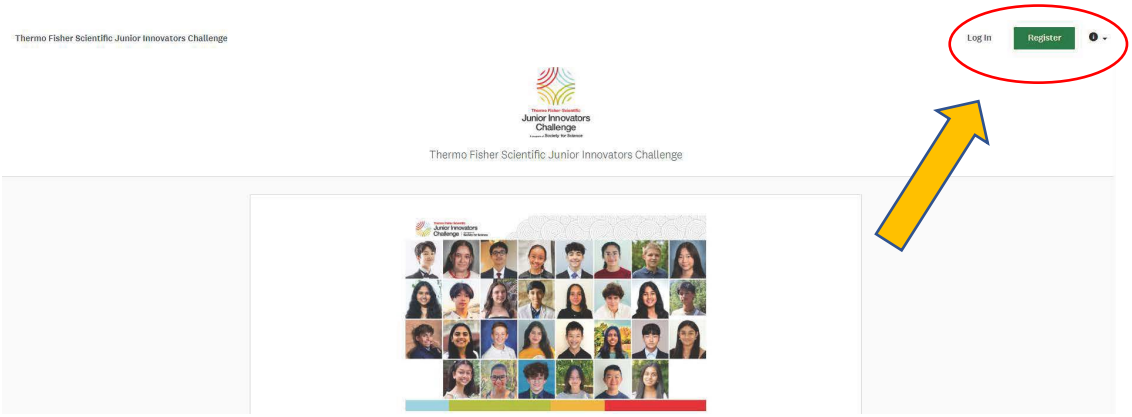
Thermo Fisher Scientific

Junior Innovators Challenge 2026

How to Open an Application

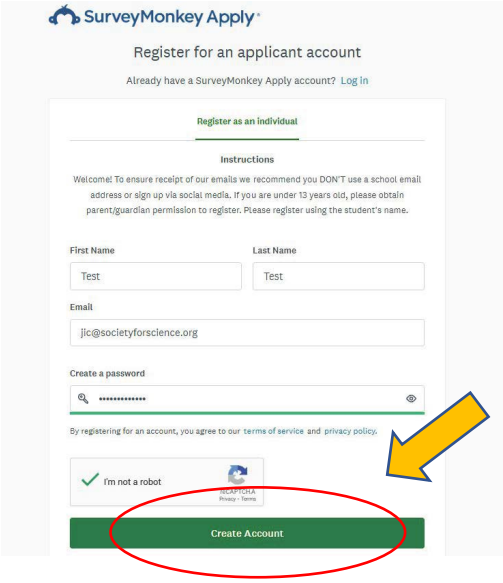
Congratulations on earning a nomination to the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (JIC)! The top 10% of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade competitors at Society-affiliated fairs in the US are eligible for nomination. Use this guide for step-by-step instructions on how to create an account and start your application today!

1. To open an application, click the green "Register" button at https://thermofisherjic.smapply.org/

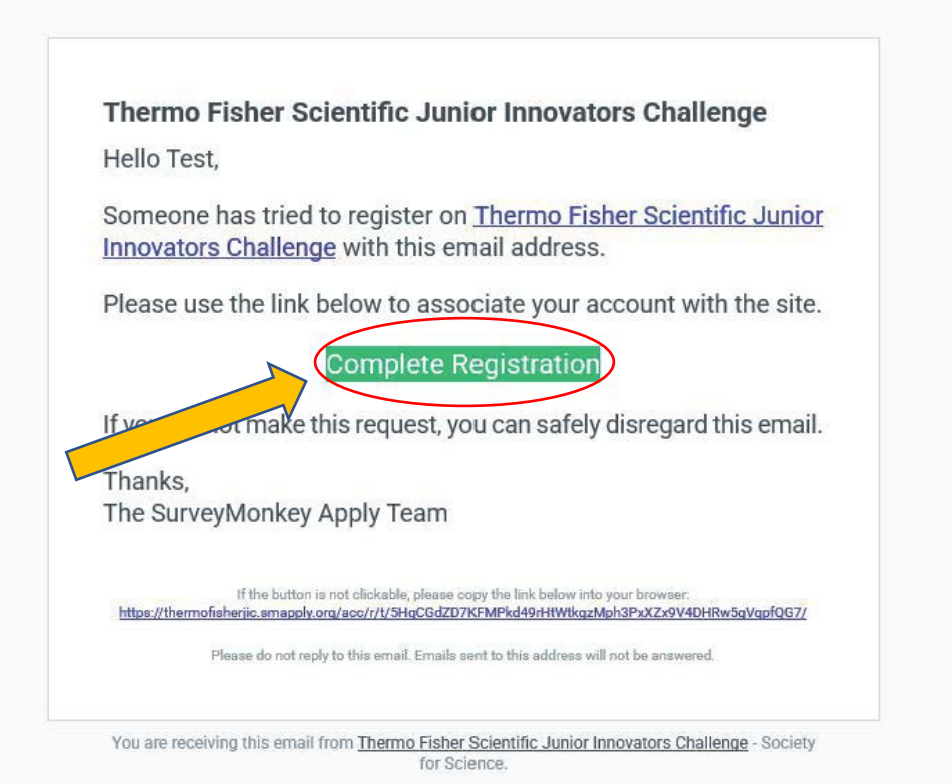


2. On the next page you will register for an account. Once you have entered your name, email, and a password, check the reCAPTCHA box and click the green button "Create Account".

   a. You should **NOT** use a school email address to create your account. This will help ensure that you receive all emails necessary to activate your account.
   b. You should use an email address that you can easily access to ensure a smooth and easy email verification process.
   c. To ensure you receive emails throughout the application process, we recommend that you ask your school's IT department to "whitelist" the IP address 62.13.146.63, and the email addresses jic@societyforscience.org and noreply@mail.smapply.net. You can find instructions for how to whitelist email addresses here.
   d. Please register using the nominated student's name.
   e. If you are under 13 years old, please get permission from a parent/guardian to create your account.



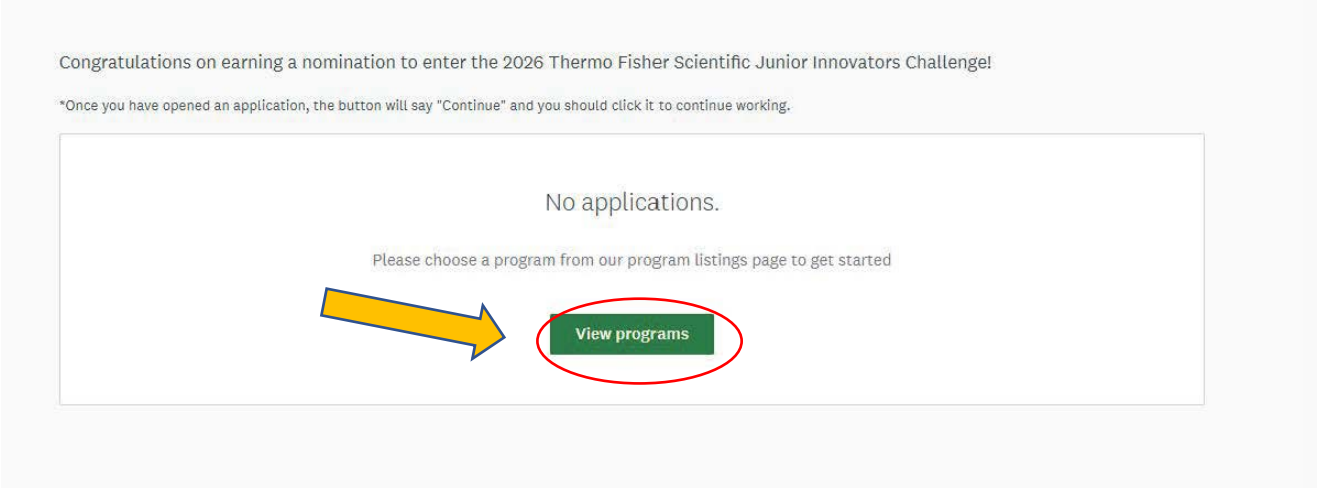
3. Once you have created an account, you will need to verify your email address to gain access to the application. You will receive an email to the address you used to register for your application.



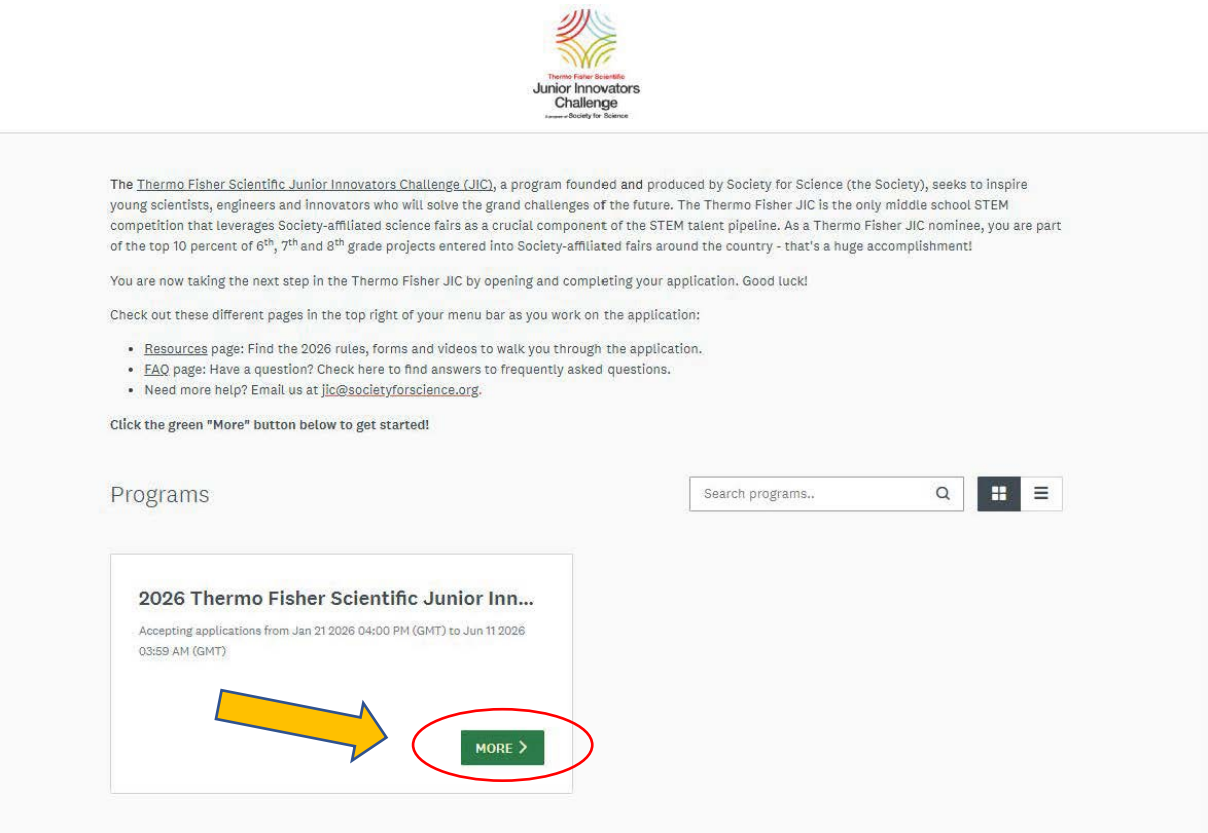
If you do not receive an email to verify your email address, we would recommend:

1. Check your Spam/Junk folder
2. Try to create another account with a different email address
3. If you have not received the verification email after trying multiple email addresses, please contact Survey Monkey Apply Support by clicking the 'I' icon to right of the green "Register" button on the homepage.
    a. Select "Having technical issues with this site?". From here, you can submit a ticket with the Survey Monkey Apply support team.

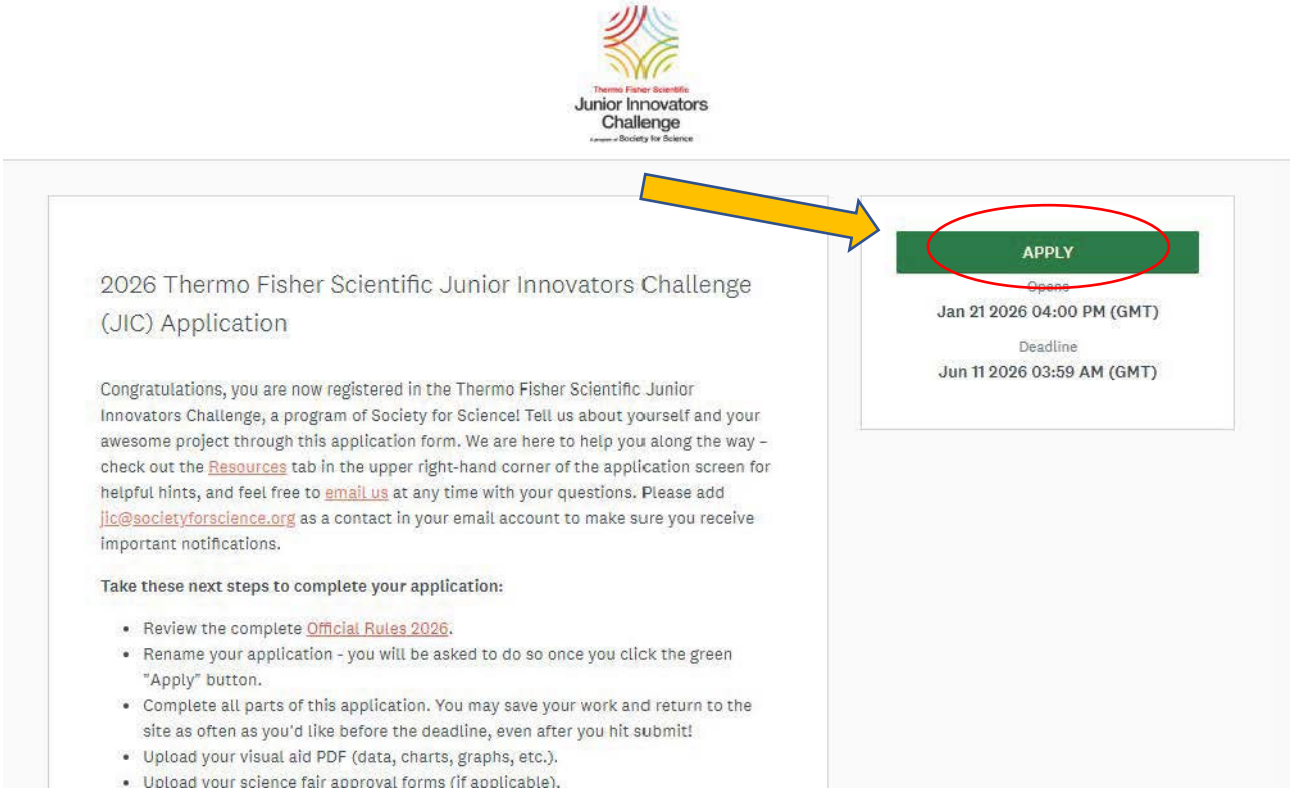
4. Once you have confirmed your email address, you will need to refresh the page or log back in and click on the “View programs” button.



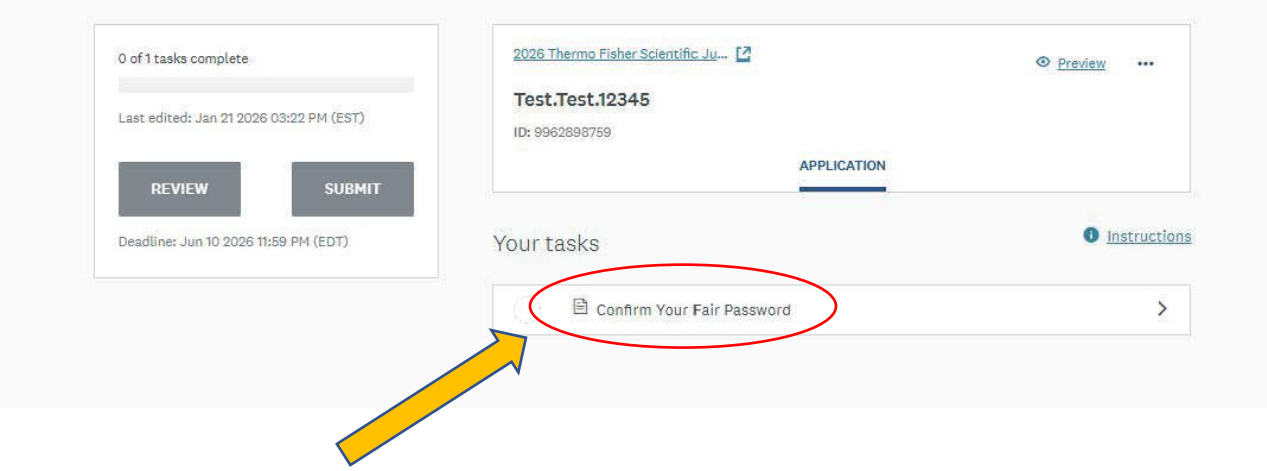
5. Click on “More” to access the Thermo Fisher JIC 2026 application.



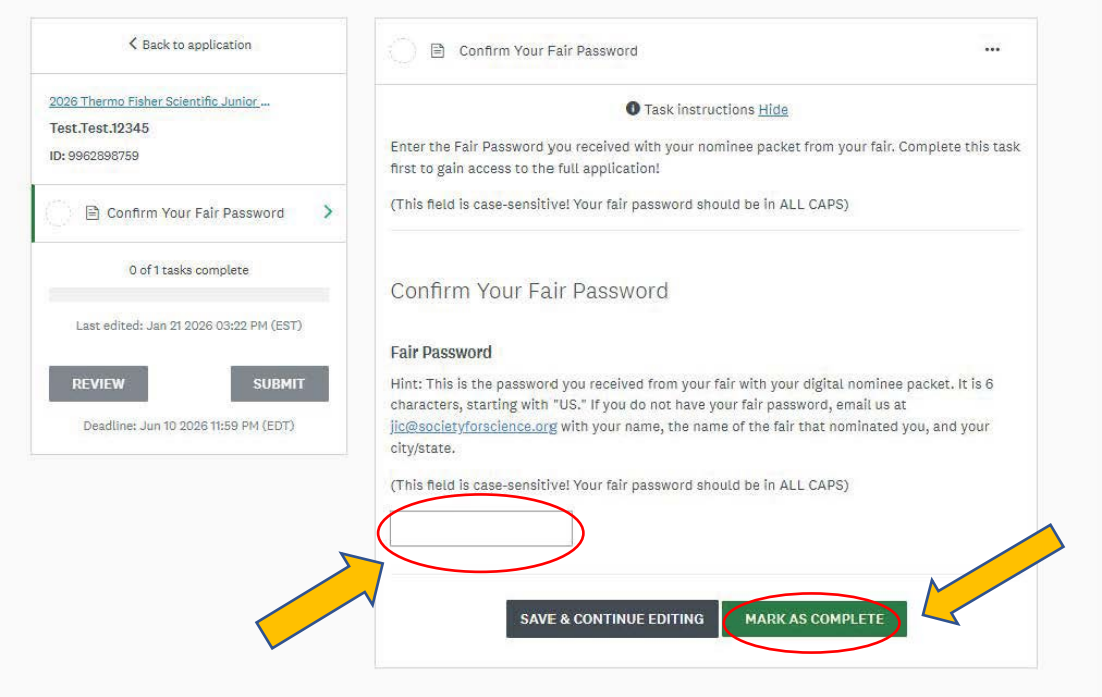
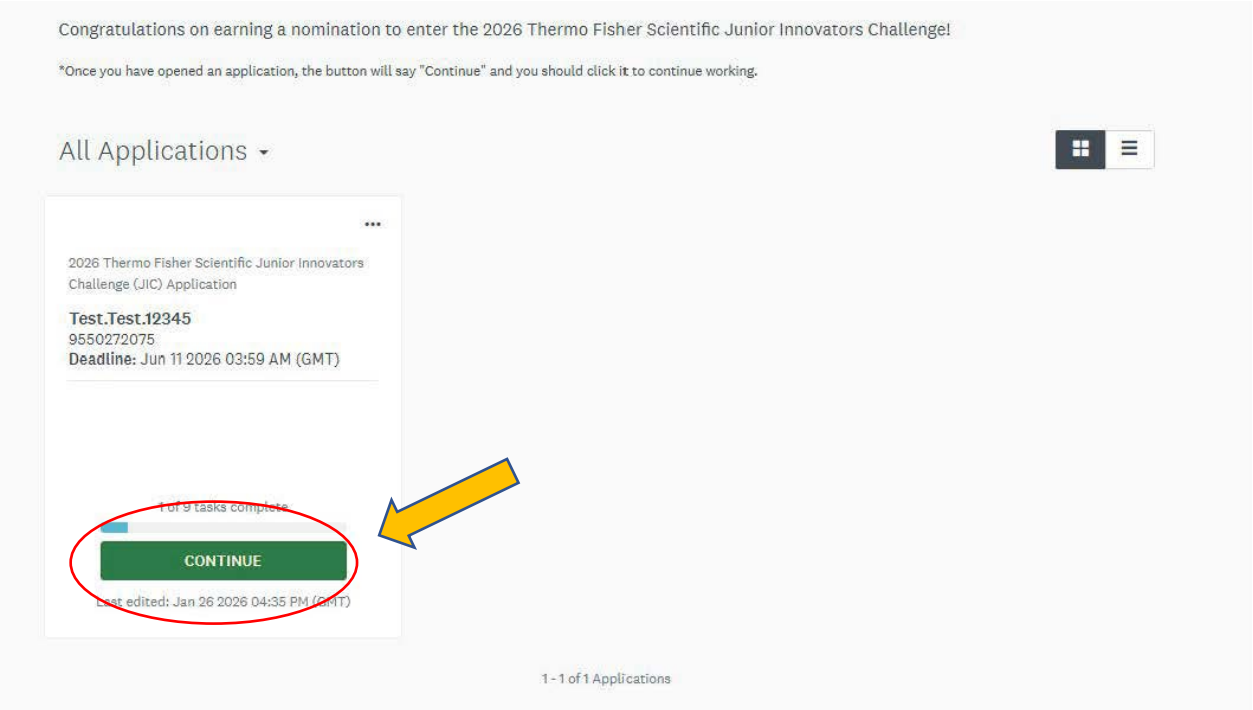
6. To begin working on your application, click “Apply” and name your application (lastname.firstname.zipcode).



7. Once your application has been created, you will need to confirm your Fair Password that was given to you by your Fair Director in your nominee packet. If you cannot find your Fair Password, email us at jic@societyforscience.org with your name, the name of the fair that nominated you, and your city/state.



8. Enter your Fair Password and then click the green button to Mark as Complete. You can now move on and complete the rest of the application. If you don't know your Fair Password or if you enter it incorrectly please email jic@societyforscience.org with your name, city and state, and the fair that nominated you.



9. Each time you return to your application you will login and be taken to the following page. Click “Continue” to keep working.