



## What is the National Science Bowl®?

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® is a nationwide academic competition that tests middle and high school students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. DOE launched the National Science Bowl® competition in 1991 to encourage students to excel in science and mathematics activities of importance to the Department and the Nation.

NSB allows students to engage with individuals with varied STEM backgrounds and experiences, as well as meet other STEM-interested students from around their region while also exposing them to local STEM institutions & opportunities.

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science manages the National Science Bowl®, and sponsors the NSB finals competition. The Department of Energy's Office of Science is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States and is working to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time. For more information, please visit the Office of Science website at [science.osti.gov/](https://science.osti.gov/).

Interested teams may compete at one of 115 regional competitions, sponsored by federal agencies, DOE laboratories, institutions of education, and non-profit organizations, held in January-March. Winners of the regional competitions will be awarded all-expenses-paid trips to the National Finals in Washington, D.C., scheduled for April 30 – May 4, 2026. Please visit the NSB website ([science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb/](https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb/)) for more information or to register a team.

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