



To: Capital Region Area Middle School Principals

From: Annie Gersztuff, Program Manager  
Scott Kroner, Academic Challenge Bowl Director

Re: **Registration for the 2025-26 Academic Challenge Bowl program**

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Preparations are underway for the 2025-2026 season of Academic Challenge Bowl, or ACB. The program gives students with academic strengths in grades 6 through 8 the opportunity to compete in a quiz bowl-style academic team competition. ACB is considered an introductory level of the popular MasterMinds program, and is a strong, affordable complement to any established MasterMinds program.

Program fees are: \$525 per team. Schools are responsible for their own transportation.

To participate in the Academic Challenge Bowl this year, please complete and return your registration form to [colleen.meharg@neric.org](mailto:colleen.meharg@neric.org) no later than October 17, 2025.

Once registered, coaches can submit their [Prescheduling Form](#).

The annual scheduling meeting for coaches, which sets the dates for competitions, will be held shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions about ACB, please contact Scott Kroner by phone at 585-473-0864 or by email at [nyacb1@gmail.com](mailto:nyacb1@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.nymasterminds.com/acb/> for more information.

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