



To: Capital Region Area Middle School Principals

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

Re: **Registration for the 2026-27 Academic Challenge Bowl program**

Date: August 13, 2026

Preparations are underway for the 2026-2027 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: \$542 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 clare.dollard@neric.org no later than October 16, 2026.

If you are unsure of interest among your students, you can schedule a demonstration where we come to your school, either during lunch or after school, and show your students what the programs are like. If you are interested, please contact Scott Kroner as soon as possible to schedule a demonstration.

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 or visit <http://www.nymasterminds.com/acb/> for more information.

If you have any questions about cross contracts, billing or submitting your forms to BOCES, please reach out to Clare Dollard (clare.dollard@neric.org) or Colleen Meharg (colleen.meharg@neric.org).



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