

2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament Prizes & Awards (as of 4/20/26)

Special Prizes Awarded Before the National Tournament:

Science Olympiad Founders' Scholarship (Division C only): To celebrate the three founders of Science Olympiad, Dr. Gerard and Sharon Putz and Jack Cairns, Science Olympiad will provide five (5) outstanding student participants each with a one-time, non-renewable **\$10,000** college scholarship to the college of their choice. This award is available only to SENIORS who are varsity members of registered 2025-2026 Division C Science Olympiad teams. Information and the application found here > soinc.org/programs/scholarships. Winners will be notified prior to the National Tournament. Sponsored by the Science Olympiad USA Foundation.

Coaching Excellence Awards (Divisions B and C): Three (3) middle school (Division B) and three (3) high school (Division C) coaches will be selected to win access to the Science Olympiad Summer Workshop and Virtual Bootcamp. One coach in each division will receive in-person workshop registration for the Science Olympiad Summer Institute at Northern Illinois University, Naperville (valued at \$975); two in each division will win virtual access (valued at \$450). In-person Science Olympiad Summer Build Clinics (SOSI) July 13-17, 2026; Virtual Bootcamp, July 7-9, 2026. Nominate a coach or nominate yourself by April 21! Must be school faculty and coaching a registered team. Winners announced online in May. Sponsored by Science Olympiad.

Special Prizes Awarded at the National Tournament:

Science Olympiad Spirit Awards (Divisions B and C): The Science Olympiad Spirit Awards are among the highest honors given to teams and recognize students and coaches that have a positive attitude, exemplify teamwork, have respect for the rules and their fellow competitors, and exhibit sportsmanlike conduct. One (1) Division B team and one (1) Division C team qualifying for the 2026 National Tournament each will be presented with **\$2,000** checks to be used toward the school's Science Olympiad program. Teams will be chosen by their work exhibiting the 3C's of Science Olympiad during the academic year (Character and Citizenship in the Community) and their conduct at the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament. Checks will be presented on stage at the National Tournament Awards Ceremony. Sponsored by the Science Olympiad USA Foundation and the MDRT Foundation.

Ward's Science: Will provide six \$500 gift certificates (one each) to the top three winning teams (1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall) in each Division B and C at the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament. Certificates will be presented to the head coach on stage. Sponsored by Ward's Science, official kit partner of Science Olympiad.

Midnight Science Club: Steve Jacobs (Wizard IV) from Faraday Studios and Midnight Science Club will conduct "Search for the Next Science Star" live video auditions on Friday, May 22 during the STEM Expo. Individual winners or teams of up to three students will be chosen on the spot! Each team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be split evenly PLUS will be cast as on-air hosts for Midnight Science Club's Faraday 200 program series to be aired globally via the United Nations SDG initiative. Winners will also receive \$500 for the three Science Olympiad teams they represent.

Individual Event Awards Presented at the National Tournament:

Boomilever (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Boomilever team will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by Cleveland-Cliffs, National Structural Engineering Event Sponsor for Boomilever.

Circuit Lab (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Circuit Lab team will receive a **\$1,250** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by a generous alumni donation to the Science Olympiad USA Foundation.

Crime Busters (Division B): Each student placing 1st-6th will have a voucher sent to their school for a one-hour college counseling session valued at \$210 from our college counseling partner, InGenius Prep.

Disease Detectives (Division C): CDC would like to extend an expenses-paid* invitation for the Disease Detectives C winners and their coach for three days to attend a portion of the 2027 CDC Epidemic Intelligence Conference (tentatively scheduled in April 2027) and a tour of CDC Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. At the conference, winners will listen in on sessions focused on recent epidemiologic investigations, scientific findings, and forward-thinking strategies to inform improvements in public health. Winners will also meet with CDC leaders who may include the CDC Director, the Epidemic Intelligence Service Chief, and a variety of experts from across the agency. At CDC Headquarters, winners will get behind-the-scenes tours of CDC facilities, which may include CDC's Biosafety level (BSL)-3 and BSL-4 Laboratory Training Facility, Emergency Operations Center, and David J. Sencer CDC Museum.—* CDC will provide round trip domestic airfare, per diem, and reimbursement for a hotel stay at the government rate, transportation to/from airports, and local transportation from the hotel, conference venue, and CDC headquarters. Sponsored by CDC, National Event Sponsor for Disease Detectives.

Dynamic Planet (Division B and C): Each winning team member will receive a prize package containing an Amazon gift card and NOAA resources to be shipped to their school. Sponsored by NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Electric Vehicle (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Electric Vehicle team will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by International Motors, National Event Sponsor for Electric Vehicle.

Engineering CAD (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Engineering CAD team will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by Onshape, National Event Sponsor for Engineering CAD.

Entomology (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Entomology team will receive a **\$1,250** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by a generous alumni donation to the Science Olympiad USA Foundation.

Helicopter (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Helicopter team will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by the National Free Flight Society, National Event Sponsor for Helicopter.

Meteorology (Division B): Each winning team member will receive a prize package containing an Amazon gift card and NOAA resources to be shipped to their school. Sponsored by NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Remote Sensing (Division C only): Each of the two students on the winning Remote Sensing team will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by GRSS/IEEE, National Event Sponsor for Remote Sensing.

Robot Tour (Division C): Each of the two students on the winning Robot Tour team will receive a **\$1,000** Conen Morgan Memorial Scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by the Science Olympiad USA Foundation to honor the memory of alumnus and National Event Supervisor Conen Morgan of North Carolina Science Olympiad.

Write It Do It (Division B only): Each of the two students on the winning Write It Do It team will receive a **\$1,000** Alma Edly Memorial Scholarship to the college of their choice, redeemable upon graduation from high school. Sponsored by the Science Olympiad USA Foundation to honor the memory of teacher and Illinois Science Olympiad volunteer National Event Supervisor Alma Edly.

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