



Mark your calendars for the 2021 Tennessee Science Bowl (TSB)!

When: February 27th and March 6th, 2021
Where: Virtual, using Zoom
Who: Seventy-two teams of four or five high school students from schools across Tennessee will compete for a chance to represent Tennessee at the 2021 National Science Bowl® in Washington, DC, April 29 - May 3, 2021.

We need your help! The Tennessee Science Bowl depends solely on volunteers, and **120+ volunteers** will be needed to help conduct this exciting, two-day event! This is your chance to support education, give back to the community, and contribute to the success of the TSB! TSB will be virtual in 2021 to ensure the safety of the students and volunteers. The nature of the volunteer roles for a virtual competition are very different than an in-person competition and will require a moderate level of technical ability as well as a computer and a high speed internet connection.

Saturday, February 27: Preliminary Rounds - All 72 teams will be competing in 3 rounds of competition for a chance to move into the Elimination Rounds the following Saturday

Saturday, March 6th: Elimination Rounds - The 48 teams with the highest scores in the Preliminary Rounds will compete in 9 Elimination Rounds to determine who will be the TSB champion and win a trip to Washington D.C. to represent the state of TN at the National Science Bowl Competition.

Volunteer time commitments:

Saturday, February 27th: Volunteer groups will conduct 9 question sessions from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm (with a lunch break at 12:20 pm)

Saturday, March 6th: All volunteer groups will conduct 3 questions sessions from 8:00 am – 10:45 am. Some volunteer groups will be needed until about 2:30 pm.

Go to <https://www.orau.gov/sciencebowl/>. Click on the “Volunteer” tab for information about the volunteer roles and the Volunteer Registration Form that you can complete online.

Please complete and submit the form to be a 2021 TSB Volunteer! We need your help!

We will attempt to assign you to your first-choice selection; however, if the slots for your first-choice selection are filled, we may assign you to your second choice selection. Please note that less volunteers are needed than in previous years. We plan to hold an in-person competition for TSB in 2022, and anticipate needing over 230 volunteers!

January 26th-28th: Training will be conducted on Zoom calls from 7:00 pm - 8:30 p.m. for Moderator/Timer and Back-up Moderator (Tuesday, January 26th), Chatbox Scorekeeper/Recognizer

(Wednesday, January 27th), and Official Scorekeeper/SBC Contact (Thursday, January 28th). All volunteers should plan to attend their respective trainings because the rolls are so different this year.

Well prepared volunteers are crucial to the success of the competition!! An e-mail reminder about the training will be sent to volunteers in early January.

The Tennessee Science Bowl is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Pellissippi State Community College, ORAU, ORISE, and many other companies and organizations. The competition is designed to motivate high school students to excel in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM fields) and to pursue careers in these fields. The winning team will represent Tennessee at the DOE National Science Bowl in Washington, DC, on April 29 - May 3, 2021.

If you have questions, need additional information, or would like to be added to our volunteer emailing list, please contact Kayla Canario, Tennessee Science Bowl Coordinator, at Kayla.Canario@orau.org, or call 865-361-2681.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!