

## SS-AAEA Academic Bowl

The Academic Bowl Contest allows undergraduate students to test their basic knowledge of agricultural economics. The tournament is set up to allow each team to play at least two games. Teams consist of no more than three players, and only two teams may enter from any single institution. The team with the last correct answer selects a category and point value from the board. That question is projected for the students, audience, and judges to see. After the moderator reads the question, the first team to press the buzzer can attempt to answer the question. If the team answers the question correctly, it earns the question's point value. If the team answers incorrectly, the point value is subtracted from the team's score, and the other team can choose to attempt to answer the question. The team with the highest point total when time expires at the end of 15 minutes wins the match. Faculty advisor involvement in the bowl competition should be limited to judging and moderating at the national competition.

SS-AAEA advisors typically moderate and two faculty judges have final say as to whether a question is correctly answered. All questions are short answer and divided into eight categories. These categories are:

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| 1. Agricultural Business/Finance | 5. Microeconomics                                    |
| 2. Macroeconomics                | 6. Potpourri (a mix from the other seven categories) |
| 3. Management                    | 7. Quantitative                                      |
| 4. Marketing                     | 8. Resources/Policy                                  |

The Academic Bowl Software may be downloaded from the SS-AAEA website. The software will provide a sample set of questions. Questions from the official SS-AAEA competition are not distributed, but practice round questions can be provided.

### Specific rules for the competition:

1. A team will typically consist of three members from the same school. The same team members must compete in all rounds of the competition, i.e., substitutions and additions are not permitted. Students from different schools can be entered to compete on the alternate team(s) for the Academic Bowl if there are not enough students from one school attending the meeting to form a team. At least two team members must be from the same institution to determine how the prizes will be awarded. Any decisions about two member teams or related issues will be up to the discretion of the SS-AAEA advisors. Inquiries regarding such teams should be directed to the Junior Advisor.
2. **All participants must be registered for the current AAEA Annual Meeting.** Students who have graduated with an undergraduate degree within nine months prior to the competition, but have not yet begun graduate coursework in the classroom, are eligible to compete (graduate research hours are excluded).
3. A school may register a maximum of two teams of three and no more than two alternates in the competition.
4. The entry form and Annual Meeting registration for each team member are due on or before **June 30** to the AAEA Business Office.  
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Attn: Academic Bowl Registration  
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Milwaukee, WI 53202  
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5. Plaques will be awarded to the first through third place teams, along with \$500 for the first, \$300 for the second and \$100 for the third placed teams.