

2026 Science Quest Rules

Who is eligible to participate in the competition?

All students enrolled in biology, chemistry, or physics courses at the high school level within the Copiah-Lincoln Community College District. Students who have won 1st place in a previous years Science Quest competition will not be eligible to compete in the same subject area again.

What awards will be offered to winners in the competition?

Each student participating in the competition will receive a certificate, recognizing his/her presence at the competition. That one student scoring the highest on the biology test; that one student scoring the highest on the chemistry test; and that one student scoring the highest on the physics test will receive a plaque and a **\$900/semester 2 years** scholarship to attend Co-Lin. The three students placing second in the competition (one in biology; one in chemistry; one in physics) will each receive a **\$900/semester 1 year** scholarship to attend Co-Lin and a plaque. The three students placing third in the biology, chemistry and physics competitions will each receive a plaque and a **\$450.00 for 1 semester** scholarship to attend Co-Lin. Fourth place winners in each of the three science discipline categories will receive a plaque and a **\$250.00 for 1 semester** scholarship to attend Co-Lin. All scholarships at Co-Lin are stackable up to the Cost of Attendance Budget.

Those faculty sponsors attending the program will be eligible to receive "door prizes" and other "gifts" that should be of value in developing instructional programs in the sciences.

Where and when will the competition be conducted?

The competition will be held on the Wesson Campus of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on **April 10, 2026**.

Registration

After considering the enclosed information, please register at <http://www.colin.edu/community/science-quest/> before **March 6, 2026**, so that the Science Division of Co-Lin can begin to complete specific plans relevant to the final preparations for the 2025 competition.

How is the competition organized?

Each participating school will initially select a member of the science faculty to act as an in-school coordinator of the activities related to the competition. It is through this faculty member that all correspondence will pass from the Co-Lin science division to the local teacher(s) whose class(es) will participate in the competition.

The local faculty coordinator and/or other administrative or faculty members will, using criteria of their own choice, select three (3) students from the high school's biology class(es), and/or three (3) from the school's chemistry class(es), and/or three (3) from the school's physics class(es) to represent their school in the competition.

Students who have won **1st place** in a previous years Science Quest competition **will not** be eligible to compete in the **same** subject area again.

Please note that students attending the activities on Co-Lin's campus must be accompanied by a high school faculty sponsor AND must be **currently enrolled** in a science class in the area in which they compete.

Students participating in the **chemistry** and **physics** test should bring their own **calculator**.

What will the day's activities include?

Events of the day will include a one-hour testing competition (one test for biology; one test for chemistry; and one test for physics), a photo session, and teacher discussions. For student participants and teachers, a free lunch will be provided by Co-Lin's Foundation.

Will the events of the Science Quest competition be publicized?

Local schools will be responsible for obtaining publicity of events related to the competition that is conducted at the individual school level. Publicity of participating schools, students, faculty sponsors, and all events related to the competition held on the Co-Lin campus will be the responsibility of the Science Division of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.