

ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC FESTIVAL

General Guidelines for the 2026 Academic Festival

- Open to students in grades 9–12.
- A one-day event where students showcase their talents, skills, and knowledge.
- Due to limited time, there are entry caps per student and per event. Please review each division's guidelines carefully for specific details.

School Classifications

- Division AA: 1–69 registered students (including homeschool programs)
- Division AAA: 70+ registered students (including homeschool programs)

Classifications are based solely on the number of students a school enters in the festival, not on total school enrollment.

Awards

- In each classification, schools earning the most points overall will receive first, second, and third place sweepstakes trophies.
- First, second, and third place winners will also be announced for each of the 60+ events.
- Point system:
 - 1st place: 5 points
 - 2nd place: 3 points
 - 3rd place: 1 point
- First-place winners receive a festival medallion (awarded on the day of the event).
- Second- and third-place winners receive certificates, which will be mailed to schools after the festival.

Entry Limit: Students may submit one entry per event (with the exception of art categories, where additional restrictions apply).

Dates to Remember:

- December 15, 2025
Registration Opens
- March 11, 2026 Registration Closes
 - Pre-judge entries and dance music due.
 - Digital Media Due
- March 27, 2026 Academic Festival at Roane County Campus.



Complete Guidelines

The full list of General Guidelines is available online. Please visit, print, and review them carefully before the festival:

roanestate.edu/academicfestival

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Take a Break from the Competition – and Join the Fun!

The Academic Festival isn't just about competition – it's also about exploring new interests, building skills, and making memories. Throughout the day, stop by our non-competitive activities for hands-on learning, creativity, and plenty of fun:

- Teach-a-Palooza! – Play games, explore the art of teaching, and win prizes with the Education Department.
- Cornhole in the Courtyard – Relax and unwind with a classic campus favorite.
- Raider Core Scavenger Hunt – Complete challenges across campus and win exciting prizes.
- Early Educator Challenge: An Early Years Skills Face-Off – Test your skills in early childhood education.
- Digging for Clues: Archaeology, Criminal Justice, and Geology Interactive Lab – Step into the shoes of a scientist and uncover discoveries through hands-on exploration.
- Improv Theatre – Jump on stage or enjoy spontaneous performances filled with creativity and laughter.
- Music Jam Session & Karaoke – Sing, play, or just enjoy the show in a fun, relaxed environment.
- Scrubs & Skills: Navigate the Health Science Path to Practice – Try out real-world healthcare skills and see if you have what it takes.
- Science Fair Fun – Explore experiments, demonstrations, and interactive science activities.
- Food Trucks – Refuel and recharge with delicious bites from local vendors.

No sign-ups needed – just drop in, explore, and enjoy everything the festival has to offer!

Event Codes Events

- IND - Individual Event
- GRP - Groups of 2 or more
- FLEX - Individual or Group
- BOWL - Bowl Event (requires availability for the full event period due to possible runoff rounds or time restrictions)

Category Codes

Registration codes that begin with “P” indicate in-person events held on the day of the festival.

Codes that begin with “N” indicate early submission categories submitted through the ExaVault system.

2026 Event Categories

Art

- NA-101 Photography (IND)
- NA-102 Painting – Oil, acrylic or watercolor (IND)
- NA-103 Sculpture & Ceramics (IND)
- NA-104 Drawing (IND)
- NA-105 Printmaking (IND)
- NA-106 Two-Dimensional Mixed Media (collage or assemblage) - (IND)
- NA-107 Graphic Design (IND)
- NA-108 Digital Art (still image) - (IND)
- NA-109 Digital Art (animation and motion graphics) - (IND)
- NA-110 Video (IND)

Business Skills

- PO-901 Cyber Security (FLEX; BOWL)
- PO-903 Job Interview (IND)

Creative Writing

- NC-201 Poetry: Traditional (IND)
- NC-202 Poetry: Free Verse (IND)
- NC-203 Fiction: Science Fiction/Fantasy (IND)
- NC-204 Fiction: Realistic (IND)
- NC-205 Non-fiction: Personal Narrative (IND)
- NC-206 Non-fiction: Literary Analysis (IND)

Dance

- PD-401 Ballet- Solo, Duo, or Group (FLEX; BOWL)
- PD-402 Modern - Solo or Duo (FLEX; BOWL)
- PD-403 Modern- 3+ Group (GRP, BOWL)
- PD-404 Jazz - Solo, Duo, or Group (FLEX; BOWL)
- PD-405 Hip Hop - Solo or Duo (FLEX; BOWL)
- PD-406 Hip Hop - 3+ Group (GRP, BOWL)

Film

- NF-070 Short Film (GRP)

French

- PL-501 French Word Dash -Level A (IND)
- PL-502 French Word Dash -Level B (IND)
- PL-503 French Word Dash - Level C (IND)
- NL-504 Creative Video - Level A (GRP)
- NL-505 Creative Video - Level B (GRP)
- NL-506 Creative Video - Level C (GRP)
- PL-507 Translation - Level A (IND)
- PL-508 Translation-Level B (IND)

French Continued

- PL-509 Translation-Level C (IND)
- NL-510 French Food Videos (FLEX)
- NL-511 Francophone Travel Brochures (FLEX)

HealthSciences

- PH-060 Medical Terminology Spelling Bee (IND; BOWL)

History

- PW-030* History Jeopardy (IND; BOWL)

Journalism

- NJ-301 Yearbook (FLEX)
- NJ-302 News Story/Investigative News (FLEX)
- NJ-303 Feature Story (FLEX)
- NJ-304 Editorial (FLEX)
- NJ-305 Sports/Sports Feature (FLEX)

Math/Physics

- PP-040 College Bowl (GRP; BOWL)
- PP-041 Calculator Olympics (IND)

Music

- NM-601 Vocal Solo (any style) - (IND)
- NM-602 Instrumental Solo (any style) - (IND)
- NM-603 Vocal Ensemble (2 or more) - (GRP)
- NM-604 Instrumental Ensemble(2 or more) - (GRP)

Philosophy

- NP-050 Non-fiction/Argumentative Essay (IND)

Science (Biology & Chemistry)

- PB-801 The Science Trivia Game (GRP; BOWL)

Spanish

- PL-512 Spanish Bowl - Level A (GRP; BOWL)
- PL-513 Spanish Bowl - Level B (GRP; BOWL)
- PL-514 Spanish Bowl - Level C (GRP; BOWL)
- NL-518 Spanish Creative Video - A (GRP)
- NL-519 Spanish Creative Video - B (GRP)
- NL-520 Spanish Creative Video - C (GRP)

Speech & Theatre

- PS-701 Acting - Solo (IND)
- PS-702 Oratory (persuasive) (IND)
- PS-703 Storytelling (IND)
- PS-704 Dual Acting (GRP)

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