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Hi Chemistry Teachers,

It is my pleasure to invite you to register students to participate in the 2026 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO). The Olympiad is a multi-tiered event. The first tier, the Local Exam, is open to all high school students. Participation in the second and third tiers, the National Exam and the Study Camp, is based on student performance at the previous level. Finally, a team will be chosen to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad. Below you will find information about the fee waiver we are offering to encourage broad participation in the Olympiad as well as detailed information as to how to register students to participate. Links to the relevant materials needed to register students are found in this website.

I encourage you to register students and provide them with the opportunity to participate in this exciting event.

Sincerely,
Stephen Z. Goldberg
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FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE FOR 2026

The New York Section of the ACS will continue a policy first implemented in 2022 through a grant from the ACS. The purpose of the grant was to encourage increased participation in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO). Schools that have not participated more recently than 2020 may apply for a waiver of the registration fee. Applications will be reviewed in the order received.

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2026 CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

The local exam of the 2026 Chemistry Olympiad will be offered in the student's high school during the testing window of February 27 to March 16. The exam is a 60 question multiple choice exam lasting 110 minutes.

As was the case in previous years, students will need to register with both the New York Section and at USNCO in order to take the local exam.

Registration at both the NYACS officially opens on October 6 and closes on February 13.

Registration at USNCO is at <https://usncoreg.acs.org/>

Registration with the NYACS is normally done through the student's school. Homeschooled students and students from a school which declines to participate in the Olympiad may register as individuals.

For Teachers: How to register students from your school:

Registration of students involves completing and submitting the following:

- 1) The Registration and Invoice Form
- 2) The Registration Spreadsheet
- 3) A check payable to ACS New York Section for the registration fee. Be sure that the name of the school is on the check.

For Students: How to register if you are homeschooled or your school declines to cover the Olympiad registration fee:

Registration of students involves completing and submitting the following:

- 1) The Individual Student Registration Form
- 2) The Registration Spreadsheet
- 3) A check payable to ACS New York Section for the registration fee. Be sure that the name of your school is on the check.

We encourage you to take a look at the USNCO website, <https://www.acs.org/education/olympiad.html> where you can, among other things, see previous exams, and register for webinars which provide information on how to prepare for the Local and National Exams.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Stephen Z. Goldberg, Chair, NY-ACS Olympiad Committee, at olympiad@newyorkacs.org

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