

# AACS National Competition General Information — April 8–10, 2025

## Registration

1. Please complete the online school registration process by Monday, March 24, 2025, midnight **Eastern**. See the Registration Guidelines before beginning the registration process.
2. Bob Jones University will **not** be conducting a pre-registration for housing or meals prior to arrival on campus. The only exception to this is for those who plan to arrive before Tuesday, April 8 (see Fees, “Early Arrivals,” Paragraphs 2b & d below).
3. Registration will be in Rodeheaver Auditorium on Tuesday, April 8, from **3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Please make plans to arrive no later than 8:00 p.m.

**Required Meetings:** Anyone staying in the Greenville area (local residents, hotel, or on-campus) is required to attend **both** chapel and evening service **every** day. (See Housing #1 below.) Anyone over 50 miles who drives instead of staying in Greenville must attend one service each day [either chapel (11:00 a.m.) or evening service (7:00 p.m.)]. One sponsor from every school must attend the **required** Tuesday 8:30 p.m. sponsor meeting. Students are required to stay through the Awards Program (approximately 9:00 p.m.) on Thursday night, April 10. Students may stay through breakfast on Friday, April 11.

**Attention:** Bible Quiz Teams **must** register by 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7. The Bible Quiz Team coach **must** attend a coaches’ meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8. Bible Quizzing begins Tuesday morning.

4. Schools must register as a group and not as individuals. Absolutely no student may register himself or herself. One or two sponsors must come to the registration area and pay the room and board fees for the entire group. Residence hall rooms cannot be assigned without payment.

## Fees

1. Competition fees for groups and individuals are paid during the online school registration process. The competition fees are as follows:
  - a. Individual Competition—\$16 per contestant for each category entered.
  - b. Group Competition—\$16 per person in each group with a maximum of \$160 per group category entered.
2. **Room and board fees are payable to Bob Jones University upon arrival on April 8, 2025.** The fees are:
  - a. \$125 per person (students and sponsors) for meals and lodging. This includes Tuesday dinner through Friday breakfast.
  - b. Early Arrivals may stay on campus Monday night at an additional cost of \$35 per person (includes Tuesday breakfast and lunch).
  - c. For guests not staying in the residence halls, BJU Dining Services offers multiple on-campus dining choices.
    - Dixon-McKenzie Dining Common—BJU’s primary campus dining with many options including an international grill as well as pizza and comfort stations.
      - **Off-Campus Participant and Sponsor Meal Pass—\$85** (includes Tuesday dinner through Friday breakfast). **Meal pass must be reserved during the online registration process.**
      - **Individual meal tickets** may be purchased in the lobby of the Dining Common—\$12.20 breakfast, \$14.60 lunch/dinner; \$10.80 Alumni (must have Alumni card).
    - The Den—Chick-fil-A, Freshens, Esteban’s, and a variety of snacks and beverages
    - Cuppa Jones—coffee, espresso, tea, and light desserts
    - Boba Jones – serves Boba Teas, and Bubble Waffles
  - d. Early arrivals (before Tuesday, April 8) must contact the BJU Welcome Center at (864) 241-1624, no later than March 28.
3. Name badges serve as meal tickets. A \$5 fee will be charged for lost or misplaced name badges.

## Housing

**Housing registration will be completed during the online school registration process.**

1. Contestants may stay in residence halls or in local hotels. (Due to the limited number of beds, contestants living within 50 miles of Greenville may not stay in residence halls; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may not stay in residence halls.) Groups are assigned to the same general residence hall area. Because of the number of participants, specific room requests will not be accommodated except for participants who have a sibling in school at Bob Jones University. Residence hall housing can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, by completing the online school registration process. Anyone staying in the Greenville area (local residents, hotel, or on-campus) is required to attend **both** chapel and evening service **every** day. Anyone over 50 miles who drives instead of staying in Greenville must attend one service each day [either chapel (11:00 a.m.) or evening service (7:00 p.m.)]. One sponsor from each school is **required** to attend the Tuesday 8:30 p.m. sponsor meeting.
2. **Male and female sponsors must be provided to stay in the residence hall with their group.** Schools are required to provide one sponsor to stay in a residence hall for each group of 24 students in the residence hall. For example:

1–25 boys = 1 male sponsor	26–50 boys = 2 male sponsors
1–25 girls = 1 female sponsor	26–50 girls = 2 female sponsors

**We regret that due to limited space in the residence halls additional sponsors above these requirements must make off-campus housing arrangements.** (See the list of hotels on the AACS website.)

3. Sponsors are asked to secure student medical release forms (that will authorize treatment in case of an emergency) from parents for each student. In the event of a medical emergency while at Bob Jones University, the Greenville Emergency Medical Service will be called. BJU’s

Public Safety department will assist with minor injuries. [Schools should use their standard medical release form. AACS and BJU do not provide that form.]

4. Contestants and sponsors must supply their own bedding (for single beds) and bath linens. Sleeping bags are permissible.
5. Please note: Residence halls close at 11:00 p.m.

## Parking

1. BJU Welcome Center staff will provide special parking instructions for a bus, motor home, camper, etc.
2. Individual cars will observe ordinary campus parking procedures.

## Spectators

No children under the age of 5 will be allowed in competitions/performances. It is unfair to a competitor and/or the judges if a child interrupts the performance. If children attend the Awards Ceremony, please sit in the back and take the child out immediately if he/she creates a disturbance.

## AACS Dress/Conduct Code

AACS leadership believes that our National Competition should have high standards of competition and Christian testimony. Therefore, because this event is the highest level of competition for AACS students in the nation, all participating students and adult sponsors are expected to respect and abide by these standards. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Appropriate dress and conduct are expected both on and off campus.

**Review the dress code expectations carefully. There have been some modifications to expectations for students when they are on campus but not attending or participating in an AACS event.**

## AACS Dress Code

- For all AACS competition events (participants and spectators who are AACS students or sponsors) girls' and ladies' skirts will be knee-length or longer, and necklines will not be exceedingly low or open in the front or back. No slacks or shorts may be worn for competition events.
- For all AACS competition events (participants and spectators who are AACS students or sponsors) boys and men will wear neat shirts with a collar, tucked in, and dress slacks (jeans are not permitted). Hair should be short—off the collar and ears, above the eyebrows, neatly trimmed, combed, with no long sideburns. No beards or mustaches will be permitted for students.
- Shorts or tank tops are not allowed outside the residence halls. See below for athletic field dress.
- Appropriate dress for the **evening services** includes the following: Boys/men—dress slacks, dress shoes\*, dress shirt with collar; Girls/ladies—dress or a top with a skirt (please avoid casual fabrics such as denim); dress shoes\*
- Appropriate dress for the **Awards Program** includes the following: Boys/men—dress slacks, dress shoes\*, dress shirt with collar, necktie, and preferably a sport coat or suit; Girls/ladies— dress or a top with a skirt (please avoid casual fabrics such as denim); dress shoes\*
- \*Dress shoes are not beach or shower shoes or tennis shoes. Boys/men—no tennis shoes, no sandals; Girls/ladies—no tennis shoes, no beach/shower shoes.
- **On campus when not involved in AACS competition activities or services as a participant or spectator:** Boys/men: collared shirt, pants (such as khaki or chino; no jeans or shorts). Girls/ladies: dress, a top with a skirt, or loose-fitting slacks (no jeans or shorts).
- **Activities on the athletic fields/gymnasium:** Boys/men—jeans, knee-length shorts, T-shirts, athletic shoes; Girls/ladies—loose-fitting slacks, loose-fitting knee-length shorts or culottes, athletic shoes.

## AACS Conduct Code

- The conduct of students is expected to meet the standard for believers in 1 Timothy 4:12. Patience, kindness, and good sportsmanship are to be displayed at all times for all students, sponsors, parents, and visitors. Insubordination or disruptive behavior by any student, sponsor, parent, or visitor toward any judge(s) or competition official(s) will not be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior will be grounds for disqualification from competition and/or expulsion from the campus.
- Violating AACS rules may result in disqualification from all events and/or disqualification from the following year's competition. The AACS National Competition Office will make the final decision in all disciplinary situations.
- Any individual or group practicing during AACS chapels, or not attending chapel or other required services, will be disqualified from all events and/or disqualified from the following year's competition. The disqualification of one or more students for the following year's competition may be extended to the school.
- Individuals or groups that are staying in residence halls must attend residence hall evening prayer group meetings, if prayer group meetings are scheduled. Those not attending will have their names and their school's name submitted to the AACS National Competition Office.
- Any individual vandalizing or stealing will be subject to disqualification and possible immediate expulsion from the campus at the individual's expense.
- Inappropriate behavior during the chapel services or the evening programs could result in a school's disqualification from all events and/or disqualification from the following year's competition. This includes inappropriate behavior in response to the presentation of awards to groups and individual students during the Thursday night Awards Program. The result of such behavior can be exclusion from the following year's competition.
- AACS participants are to remain on campus at all times, unless under the supervision of an adult staff member from his/her school.