



North Carolina Science Olympiad Graduation Honor Cord Guidelines

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For graduating seniors that have participated in NC Science Olympiad for at least one year or more, special Honor Cords are offered to celebrate their hard work and dedication. Due to the intense critical thinking and academic nature of the NC Science Olympiad, the Honor Cord designation is part of a nationally recognized program that celebrates deserving students across the country. Below are the recommended criteria for the NC Science Olympiad Honor Cord designation based on years of participation and contribution.

One Year of NC Science Olympiad Team Participation:

Designated by Red/White Honor Cords

Student must be in good academic standing, eligible to graduate and have participated in an NC Science Olympiad Regional competition as part of a registered team for one academic year.

[Red/White Honor Cords - One Year](#)

Two Years of NC Science Olympiad Team Participation:

Designated by Red/Black Honor Cords

Student must be in good academic standing, eligible to graduate and have participated in an NC Science Olympiad Regional competition as part of a registered team for two academic years.

[Red/Black Honor Cords - Two Years](#)

Three Years of NC Science Olympiad Team Participation:

Designated by Red/Black/White Honor Cords

Student must be in good academic standing, eligible to graduate and have participated in an NC Science Olympiad Regional competition as part of a registered team for three academic years.

[Red/Black/White Honor Cords - Three Years](#)

Four Years of NC Science Olympiad Team Participation:

Designated by Red/Black/Gold Honor Cords

Student must be in good academic standing, eligible to graduate and have participated in an NC Science Olympiad Regional competition as part of a registered team for four academic years.

[Red/Black/Gold Honor Cords - Four Years](#)

About NC Science Olympiad

North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Every year NCSO hosts tournaments on university, community college, and public school campuses across the state. These tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology.

In 2018, more than 980 K-12 teams representing over 18,000 students and 85 counties in North Carolina participated in NCSO activities. The challenging and self-motivating events of NCSO align with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study as well as the National Science Education Standards. The events are designed to enhance and strengthen both science content and process skills.