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2024 Soybean Science Challenge Open for Arkansas Students

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (September 6, 2023) – The [Soybean Science Challenge](#), sponsored by the [Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board](#) (ASPB), is open for students grades six through 12 across the state. The Soybean Science Challenge is a series of online classes that results in science projects at science fairs across the state, with soybeans at the center of those projects.

“The Soybean Science Challenge is a unique opportunity to show students all that agriculture offers their present and future,” said [Julie Robinson](#), administrator of the Soybean Science Challenge and associate professor at the [University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture](#). “Participating students are given the opportunity to experience the everyday importance of agriculture in their lives, explore future careers in agriculture, and get a glimpse as to how they can impact the industry through research.”

Thirteen students were named [2023 Soybean Scholars](#) after their projects won the Soybean Science Challenge at district and state science fairs. The projects covered plant science, earth and environmental science, energy and transportation, and plant systems.

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Students interested in participating are required to complete six online course modules before submitting their science project to their district science fair, the state science fair or the [Arkansas FFA Agriscience Fair](#). Each project submitted is assessed by the Soybean Science Challenge judges. The project must focus on soybeans in order to qualify. Winners of the Soybean Science Challenge award receive a cash prize. The recipients' teachers also win a cash prize if their student wins at a regional science fair.

"The Soybean Science Challenge is vital in our outreach to potential future agricultural leaders and researchers," said Desha County soybean producer and Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board Chair [John Freeman](#). "We're grateful for the inventiveness and passion the participating students bring to their projects."

The Soybean Science Challenge encourages Arkansas junior high and high school students to learn about soybeans and other current soil, water, seed, disease and insect issues that impact production outcomes and agricultural sustainability.

For additional information on the soybean science challenge and the ASPB, check out the ASPB website at www.TheMiracleBean.com.

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The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board is led by nine volunteer farmer-leaders nominated by various producer organizations in Arkansas and appointed by the Governor. Soybeans are Arkansas's top row crop with approximately 3 million acres planted each year, generating an annual economic impact of \$2 billion. Arkansas is consistently ranked among the top ten soybean producing states nationally, exporting 50% of its crop. ASPB invests more than \$2.2 million in research each year as part of its commitment to the continued sustainability of the Arkansas soybean industry. Learn more by visiting TheMiracleBean.com.