



School Bridge Club

School Bridge Club is a pilot program sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). Its goal is to broaden the scope of duplicate bridge by first educating classroom teachers on how to play bridge, then having them sponsor their own bridge clubs at the school in which they teach.

Through the ACBL School Bridge Lessons Series, the School Bridge Club pilot program is able to offer a stipend to the sponsoring teacher. After every 16 hours of bridge instruction, a teacher who has ran a bridge club with at least 8 student members will be eligible for a \$350 stipend. The stipend can be given no more than 10 times per calendar year.

In order to receive the stipend teachers must become ACBL members. If a sponsoring teacher is not yet a member when they apply for their first teaching stipend, the ACBL will automatically take out \$28 to fulfill the necessary membership requirement for the sponsor. Teachers (who are not yet an ACBL members) first qualifying School Bridge Club stipend will equal \$322. Annual renewal of membership is currently \$37.

Membership in the ACBL provides:

- *The Bridge Bulletin* – monthly magazine for players of all levels
- Access to 3200 bridge clubs and 1100 tournaments across the U.S. and Canada
- Recognition for masterpoint achievement
- Support for bridge education (such as School Bridge Club)
- 10% discount at Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies
- 35% FedEx Office discount on color and black and white printing
- OfficeMax discount card
- Hertz Member Savings



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