



2023 Financial Literacy Scholarship Essay Student Entry Form

The Kansas Council for Economic Education is pleased to invite you, as a participant in one or more of the financial literacy activities sponsored by KCEE, to enter the 2023 Financial Literacy Scholarship Essay Contest sponsored by the Kansas Securities Commission, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department.

Contest Rules:

Students participating in the contest must enter an essay that meets the following requirements:

- o A maximum of 1000 words and a minimum of 500 words,
- o 12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins,
- o Must be submitted as plaintext
- o Each entry must be done individually and independently, representing each student's own research thinking and writing, and
- o Essay content is at the student's discretion but must answer the question posed by the Office of the Securities Commissioner. Students may discuss what they hope to implement in their own life from the lessons learned in the financial literacy courses provided by their organization as it pertains to the question posed.

The 2023 question is as follows: Making proper investments can be a major life decision that can determine your financial trajectory for years to come. What would be your goals when investing. Describe ways to research investments when building a portfolio. What are key elements in long-term investments. Explain what red-flags one might see when investing and how you would mitigate risk.

Each student who submits an essay to the contest must be:

- o a legal resident of Kansas in grades nine through 12; and
- o a participant in one of KCEE's financial literacy programs.

The three students with the top three essays submitted by the Kansas Council on Economic Education will receive the following awards:

- o First-place Essay - \$5,000
- o Second-place Essay - \$3,000
- o Third-place Essay - \$2,000

The First-place essay will be automatically evaluated with essays submitted from other organizations to determine overall statewide scholarship awardees, with the same awards as those at the organizational level (i.e., \$5,000 for the statewide first-place essay, \$3,000 for the statewide second-place essay, and \$2,000 for the statewide third-place essay).

Scholarships will be awarded to a Kansas 529 account for use by the student as allowed by law.

Submission to KCEE is required by Friday, March 31. Essays should be submitted by the student's financial literacy program teacher along with this document online at <https://forms.gle/wDMqCcC8sdpFG4dp6> . Be sure to include your name and your school's name on all documents submitted.



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Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Student's School: _____ City _____

Student's Teacher: _____

Teacher's E-mail: _____

Please indicate which program(s) sponsored by KCEE that you have participated in during the current academic year:

LifeSmarts Kansas Economics Challenge Kansas Personal Finance Challenge

The Stock Market Game

Would you encourage other students to participate in the KCEE-sponsored activities listed above? Why or why not?

By submitting this form, I confirm that I completed this work individually and independently and that it represents my own research, thinking, and writing.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

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