

# THE ECONOMICS EDUCATOR

News from the Kansas Council for Economic Education

## We're Springing into State Competition Season!

- LifeSmarts
- Economics Challenge
- Economics Poster Contest
- Personal Finance Challenge
- Stock Market Game

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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR KANSAS STUDENTS

### KCEE Financial Literacy Essay Contest

*\$5,000+ First Place Scholarship To Be Awarded & More*

Kansas High School students who have participated in any one of KCEE's financial literacy programs (see page 2 for full list) during the current academic year are invited to enter a Financial Literacy Essay Contest sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner. Scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts: 3rd place: \$2,000; 2nd place: \$3,000 and 1st place: \$5,000. Additionally, the first place recipient will be considered for an additional scholarship in the amounts listed above in an overall state-wide competition with entries from other Kansas agencies. That means the KCEE winner will be in contention for up to a \$10,000 scholarship!

Entry forms and essays due March 31. For more details and to enter, visit <https://kcee.wichita.edu/spring-2023-essay-scholarship-contest>

### Kansas Financial Scholars Essay Contest

The Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner is offering up to 5 scholarships for graduating high school seniors who will continue their education in Kansas. Students must have completed an age-appropriate financial literacy program. All KCEE programs would meet that requirement.

For additional information, visit [kansasfinancialscholars.com](http://kansasfinancialscholars.com)

## Save these Dates for summer teacher workshops!

Financial Fitness Extravaganza & Social Studies Extravaganza  
June 6-8, Wichita

1-Day Financial Literacy Workshops  
June 23 & 26, Kansas City Federal Reserve

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# LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

## Spring 2023 Event Calendar



SMG sessions are well underway, but there is still plenty of time to participate. The current ongoing sessions (any of which you can still sign up for) are...

**October 10 - April 14**

**January 9 - April 14**

**February 13 - April 21**

Remember...there are prizes for the top 3 teams in each division (elementary/middle school/high school) for each session. Learn more at [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org)



InvestWrite®, an innovative national writing competition, is a program of the SIFMA Foundation offered exclusively to teachers and students participating in The Stock Market Game™. The spring deadline for essay submission is March 24, 2023. Learn more at [www.investwrite.org](http://www.investwrite.org)



LifeSmarts, the nation's premier consumer program, provides real-world education for students who learn about core consumer topics and develop critical thinking skills.

**Participants focus on five key topic areas: consumer rights and responsibilities, the environment, health and safety, personal finance, and technology.** The Kansas Varsity champion will represent the state, with travel expenses paid by KCEE and our generous donors, at the national competition in Cincinnati. While it's too late to sign up a new team for this competition for this year, consider participating this fall!

### **Kansas Varsity Competition Schedule:**

February 22 - Kansas Championship

April 27-30 - National Championship in Cincinnati

### **Kansas Junior Varsity Competition Schedule**

April 5 - Kansas Championship

Learn more at [www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org)

## K-8 Economics Poster Contest



No student is too young to learn basic economic concepts! And, we can't think of a better way to teach K-8 students than through an engaging learning exercise. Give your students an opportunity to illustrate their understanding of an economic concept using their creativity and art skills in a colorful drawing. Learn more at <https://kcee.wichita.edu/postercontest/> Entry

deadline: April 1



The National Personal Finance Challenge (NPFC) is a nationwide competition that provides high school students the opportunity to build and demonstrate their knowledge of money management. Teams showcase their expertise in the concepts of earning income, spending, saving, investing, managing credit, and managing risk.

The top HS teams from the Fall and Spring sessions will be invited to regionals in the spring, with the top performing regional teams competing for the state championship. The Kansas High School champion will represent the state at the National Personal Finance Challenge in Cleveland, with travel expenses paid by KCEE and our generous donors.

Top Middle School teams from both challenge sessions will be invited to the state championship. Regionals will only be held at the High School level.

### **Kansas High School Competition Schedule**

Spring Online Challenge: March 13-31

Regionals (if necessary): Week of April 10

State Championships: April 19

National Championship: June 4-5, Cleveland, OH

### **Kansas Middle School Competition Schedule**

Spring Online Challenge: March 13-31

State Championships: April 19

Learn more online at

<https://financechallenge.unl.edu/Kansas/Welcome>



The National Economics Challenge (NEC) is the country's only economics competition of its kind for high school students. It tests micro and macroeconomic principles as well as knowledge of the world economy. High school students compete in two divisions: David Ricardo for students new to economics and the Econ Challenge, and Adam Smith, for AP, IB and Honors students or those who have competed previously in the Econ Challenge.

The Kansas champions in each division compete in an online semi-finals, with the 4 top teams invited to the national finals in New York City, with expenses paid by the Council for Economic Education

### **Kansas Economic Challenge Schedule**

Spring Online Challenge: March 6-24

State Championships: April 6

Learn more online at:

<https://econchallenge.unl.edu/Kansas/Welcome>