

# THE ECONOMICS EDUCATOR

News from the Kansas Council for Economic Education

## Sign up now for this year's Personal Finance & Econ Competitions

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

See Page 2 for Details



## ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS WITH OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCES

KCEE, through our affiliation with the national Council for Economic Education, has the free resources you need to make personal finance and economics fun, engaging and relevant!  
<https://econedlink.org/collections/>

### Economics Collections

- [Basics of Economics Videos](#) (Grades K-12)
- [Supply and Demand](#) (Grades 9-12)
- [Scarcity and Opportunity Cost](#) (Grades 9-12)
- [Economic Systems](#) (Grades 9-12)
- [Ethics, Economics, and Social Issues](#) (Grades 6-12)

### Personal Finance Collections:

- [Basics of Finance Videos](#) (Grades 9-12)
- [Saving](#) (Grades 6-12)
- [Investing in Stocks](#) (Grades K-12)

### Elementary - Goods, Services, and Opportunity Cost:

- [Curious George Economics](#) (Grades K-5)
- [Matching Goods and Services Game](#) (Grades K-3)
- [Goods and Services Lightening Round Game](#) (Grades 3-8)
- [Who Pays? Who Benefits? Who Provides?](#) (Grades 3-8)
- [Opportunity Cost - Consumers](#) (Grades K-5)
- [The ABC's of Saving](#) (Grades K-5)
- [Toys for Me: A Lesson on Choice](#) (Grades K-5)



**Save the Date!**  
**Financial Fitness & Social Studies Workshops**  
 June 17-19  
 Woolsey Hall  
 WSU Campus

**Upcoming Free Teacher Workshops**  
 Stipends Included!

**Fundamentals of Environmental Economics**  
 September 26, Wichita

**Embracing AI in Your Classroom**  
 October 4, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Details on pages 4 & 5

Be sure to follow us online!



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# KCEE'S STUDENT ACTIVITIES ALL AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE!

## 2023-24 Event Calendar



**SMG sessions will be starting soon.** The five sessions for this year are...

**Fall:** September 5 - December 8 & October 2 - December 8

**Spring:** January 8 - April 12 & February 5 - April 12

**Full year:** October 9 - April 12

Remember...there are prizes for the top 3 teams in each division (elementary/middle school/high school) for each session. Learn more and sign up 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 fall essay prompt and deadline will be announced soon. 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 San Diego. **New this year...there will be an online JV national championship!** Learn more at [www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org).

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

November 1 - January 15 - Capstone Test Period

February 14 - Kansas Championship

April 18-21 - National Championship in San Diego

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

November 15 - January 31 - Capstone Test Period

TBD - Kansas Championship

TBA - National Championships

## 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. The contest starts on October 1. 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**

Fall Online Challenge: November 13 - December 8

Spring Online Challenge: February 12 - March 8

Regionals (if necessary): Week of March 25

State Championships: April 3

National Championship: May 19-20, Location TBA

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

Fall Online Challenge: November 13 - December 8

Spring Online Challenge: February 12 - March 8

State Championships: TBA

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**

Fall Online Challenge: November 13 - December 8

Spring Online Challenge: February 12 - March 8

State Championships: April 10

National Semi-Finals: April 22-26

Learn more online at:

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

# NEWS & UPDATES

Stay up-to-date with everything  
KCEE has to offer!

## Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following students and teams on their success during the 2022-2023 academic year!

- **Maddie McCarty**, Colby Middle School, 1st Place, National InvestWrite Competition
- **Rice County Special Services**, 4th Place, National LifeSmarts Competition (Cincinnati, OH)
- **Tina Steinert**, Rice County Special Services, National Coach of the Year, LifeSmarts
- **Andover High School**, 4th Place Team, National Personal Finance Challenge (Cleveland, OH)
- **Ashley Garcia**, Chapparral High School, 1st Place, Kansas Insurance Department Financial Literacy Essay Contest

## Help us improve KCEE and enter to win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card!

In our ongoing effort to improve the programs and services that the Kansas Council on Economic Education provides, you are encouraged to fill out a brief survey between now and November 15. On November 16, 3 winners will be selected at random to receive \$100 Amazon gift cards! You can find the survey here <http://cuts2.com/utLLY>

Have other suggestions not covered on the survey? Send them to [kcee@wichita.edu](mailto:kcee@wichita.edu)

## Introducing the NEW 5th Edition AP Economics Teacher Guides & Student Workbooks

We are delighted to announce the release of the 5th edition of AP Economics Macro and Micro teacher and student editions by the Council for Economic Education! These highly anticipated CEE bestsellers feature expanded and updated content to match the College Board course and exam. Early orders receive 15% off through September 30, 2023!

AP Macroeconomics & AP Microeconomics are written by AP teachers for AP teachers and are designed to work in conjunction with an AP-level economics textbook. Each Teacher Guide offers unit overviews, well-structured lesson plans, visual aids, and answers to student activities, allowing you to supplement your students' learning and help them ace their AP exam. The companion Student Workbooks offer key concepts, interactive activities and over 25 practice multiple choice test questions for each unit.

The Early Order 15% discount is good through September 30, 2023

Learn more and order today at <http://cuts2.com/gUiLD>

## DON'T MISS THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

### KCEE Financial Literacy Essay Contest

*Up to \$15,000 to be awarded*

Kansas High School students who participate 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, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department**. 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 February 15.** For more details and to enter, visit <https://kcee.wichita.edu/spring-2024-essay-scholarship-contest>

## Invitation to Economic Outlook Conferences Across the State

Each year, the Center for Economic Development and Business Research hosts Kansas Economic Outlook Conferences Across the State. This year, they have generously extended an invitation to teachers to attend and bring an outstanding student as well.

The purpose of these conferences is to provide insight into current local, state, and national economies, addressing topics of interest to the community. A combination of nationally known speakers and local experts will be on hand to provide perspectives on issues affecting business, industry, education and government.

This opportunity is available for one teacher per conference site, on a first come, first served basis. To register, contact Andrea Wilson at [andrea.wilson@wichita.edu](mailto:andrea.wilson@wichita.edu) or 316-978-3225.

October 5 - **Kansas Economic Outlook Conference Wichita**

October 9 - **Franklin County Community Outlook Event**

October 10 - **Pittsburg Economic Outlook Conference**

October 11 - **Leavenworth County Community Outlook Event**

October 11 - **Johnson County Community Outlook Event**

October 12 - **Salina Economic Outlook Conference**

October 13 - **Emporia Economic Outlook Conference**

October 16 - **Rice County Community Outlook Event**

October 17 - **Kingman County Community Outlook Event**

October 17 - **Pratt County Community Outlook Event**

October 18 - **Thomas County Community Outlook Event**

October 19 - **Hays Economic Outlook Conference**

October 20 - **Dodge City Economic Outlook Conference**

## October is Economic Education Month

Look for an announcement about activities soon!



# FUNDAMENTALS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

Offered by the Foundation for Teaching Economics  
and the  
American Institute for Economic Research (AIER)  
in partnership with the  
Kansas Council for Economic Education  
and Wichita State University Center for Economic Education



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
**8:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**  
**WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY**



A one-day program designed to help educators gain an understanding of environmental economic issues and concepts and related methodologies to engage students in group structured classroom learning activities.



## Who

High school, middle school and upper elementary teachers and curriculum specialists. No prior economics required.



## What's Included?

Continental Breakfast, Breaks and Lunch Provided.



## \$200 Stipend

A \$200 stipend will be provided to all participants who complete the program.

## Notes



A maximum 30 teachers will be accepted on a first-come and qualified basis. (Participants must be full time educators during the 2023-2024 school year. No substitute teachers may register.)



Participants may (optionally) take the program for one graduate hour credit in economics from Wichita State University (Assignment required.)

## Key topics/Concepts

- Economic Institutions and Foundations
- Tragedy of the Commons
- Marginal Decision Making
- Land Use
- World Fisheries

**Registration deadline:**  
**September 14, 2023**

To register or for more information, visit  
<https://KansasEnvironmentalEcon.eventbrite.com>

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# EMBRACING AI IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Join the Foundation for Economic Education, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and the Kansas Council for Economic Education to learn about AI's potential for today's educator.

Participants will gain exposure to and practice with a wide range of AI applications tailored for classroom instruction. Attendees will discover innovative AI-driven teaching methods that promote student learning, and will be guided through hands-on activities to familiarize themselves with these cutting-edge tools. Attendees of this free event will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card for participation in this workshop. Graduate credit through Wichita State University will be available for those who are interested.



**\$100 AMAZON  
GIFT CARD  
ATTENDANCE  
STIPEND**

**SPACE IS  
LIMITED SO  
REGISTER  
TODAY!**

**OCTOBER 4, 2023**

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

RSVP by October 2 or until event is full

<http://cuts2.com/xSyUj>