

# THE ECONOMICS EDUCATOR

News from the Kansas Council for Economic Education

## Don't Miss Spring Competition Season!

- Economics Challenge
- Economics Poster Contest
- Personal Finance Challenge
- Stock Market Game & InvestWrite

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## 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 23.** For more details and to enter, visit <https://kcee.wichita.edu/spring-2024-essay-scholarship-contest>

## Upcoming Free Teacher Workshops

Save The Dates

Financial Fitness

Extravaganza &

Social Studies Extravaganza

June 17-19, WSU Campus

Financial Literacy

Bootcamps

June 24-15, Federal Reserve

Bank of Kansas City

July 8-10, Fort Hays State

University Campus

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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...

**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 31 - Capstone Test Period\*

February 13 - Kansas Championship

April 18-21 - National Championship in San Diego

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

November 15 - February 15\* - Capstone Test Period\*

March 1 - Kansas Championship (Online)

May 9-10 - National Championships

\*Deadlines Extended

## 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**

Spring Online Challenge: February 12 - March 8

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**

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 Sunrise Christian Academy for their second place finish in the LifeSmarts 30th Anniversary Video Contest. Videos were made to celebrate the LifeSmarts program anniversary and were judged on creativity, originality and suitability to the theme.. The team was awarded a \$150 cash prize

Watch our social media channels to check out the video. Once it is released by the LifeSmarts team, we will share it with all of you!

## Need Topical Lessons in February...or any time? *Look to EconEdLink.Org*

### Black History Month

A collection of on-demand webinars  
with accompanying lessons and  
activities are available

### Chinese New Year

Decision Making with "Sam and the  
Lucky Money"

### Super Bowl LVIII

Stock Prices and the Super Bowl  
Did You Get the Message (Advertising  
Strategies)

### Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day Greeting Card  
Production

Valentine's Day Demand Interactive

*These and many more can be found at  
econedlink.org. Sign up for free access  
today!*

## JOIN US FOR THE 2024 KANSAS SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 17 | 8:30a to 3:30p  
Rhatigan Student Center | WSU  
RSVP by February 13\*

**\$65 Registration Fee**

In partnership with your colleagues at the **Kansas Council for the Social Studies, the Kansas Council for History Education and the Kansas Geographic Alliance**, we are pleased to co-host the 2024 Kansas Social Studies Conference.

Join us for sessions on the following topics, and more!

**Keynote Speaker: 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Taylor Bussinger**

- Integrating Social Studies into the Elementary and Middle School Curriculum
- AI Empowerment in Social Studies
- Financial Literacy Across the Curriculum
- Using art in the History Classroom
- Social Studies & ELA Integration in the Elementary Classroom
- Classroom Engagement Techniques
- Teaching with Primary Sources
- Providing Access to Historical Complexity to Students with Disabilities
- DBQ-In-A-Day
- HGSS Q&Apalooza

Sessions include speakers and resources from:

- Eisenhower Presidential Library
- The Bill of Rights Institute
- Foundation for Economic Education
- Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
- SocialStudies.Com
- Kansas Department Of Education
- Kansas Geographic Alliance

Come early and join us on Friday for Trivia Night at Shocker Lanes, Rhatigan Student Center!

RSVP online at <https://rb.gy/9t8ss2>

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*\*Registrations after February 13 are not guaranteed lunch*

## April is Financial Literacy Month

Check out activities available at  
[econedlink.org](http://econedlink.org)