



National Economics ChallengeSM

A PROGRAM OF THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION

STUDENTS' GUIDE

NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHALLENGESM (NEC)

The Council for Economic Education (CEE) created the National Economics ChallengeSM in 2000 to promote student interest in economics, reinforce classroom instruction, and advance academics and school spirit. In 2019, more than 10,000 high school students participated in 45 states nationwide. The National Economics ChallengeSM is one of several key initiatives in the CEE's "Campaign for Economic Literacy" which seeks to focus public attention on the importance of economic literacy and the need for a high-quality, standards-based economics curriculum in every state.

STRUCTURE OF PROGRAM:

National Economic ChallengeSM competitions are held at the State, National Semi-Final, and National Final levels for high school students in two divisions: The Adam Smith Division challenges advanced placement, international baccalaureate and honors students; the David Ricardo Division challenges single semester general economics students. In each competition, teams of students answer rigorous questions on microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, and current events.

The National competition includes written multiple choice tests, a critical thinking case study round and a quiz bowl round.

FORM A TEAM FOR THE NEC COMPETITION!

- Create a team of 4 students.
- Check in which of the two divisions your team should compete, reviewing the [2020 Rules and Eligibility](#).
- Ask your teacher or coach to register your team in a state competition. To find one visit the Economics Challenge Website at www.councilforeconed.org/econchallenge.
- Prepare using all new [sample tests](#) online.
- Register and participate in a state competition.
- State winners advance to participate in the National Semi-Final April 15, 2020*.

STATE WINNERS ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

Continue studying and practicing with your team and get ready for the Semi-Finals on April 15, 2020*:

- Submit the 2020 Student Registration Form.
- Ask your coach the location and time of the Semi-Final exam on April 15, 2020*.
- Take a pencil to the Semi-Final exam.

TOP 4 SEMI-FINALISTS ADVANCE TO FINALS

The top scoring teams of the National Semi-Finals advance to the Finals (May 16-18, 2020).

DATES TO REMEMBER

State Economics challenge: Fall and/ or spring

National Economics ChallengeSM:

Semi-Finals April 15, 2020*

Finals May 16-20, 2020 in NYC

INCENTIVES

Cash prizes are awarded to the National Finalists and their coaches.

*Schools that are on spring break on 4/15/20 will test on 4/20/20, please notify your state coordinator by 4/10/2020 if your team would require early testing.

For more information visit:
www.councilforeconed.org/econchallenge