STUDENTS' GUIDE

NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHALLENGE℠ (NEC)

The Council for Economic Education (CEE) created the National Economics Challenge℠ 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 Challenge℠ 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 Challenge℠ 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 Challenge℠:
- 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 4/10/20 if your team would require early testing.

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