



Partnership Opportunity for Chambers

Background

The National Civics Bee® is a national competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Participating 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students flex their civics knowledge for a chance to win recognition and cash prizes.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation created the National Civics Bee® because we believe informed and active citizens make for a strong country, a strong economy, and a strong workforce, and that our continued prosperity depends on the strength of all three.

In under two years, the competition has grown significantly from five to 28 states and will expand to all 50 states by “America’s 250th birthday” in 2026.

Visit www.nationalcivicsbee.org to learn more!

The National Civics Bee® gives chambers of commerce the opportunity to promote greater civic knowledge among young people and their families, while energizing their communities with a celebration of civic pride.

Previous chamber partners reported achieving the following opportunities through participation in the Bee:

- Increased access to civics education for youth in their community.
- Increased engagement with the students and schools in their community.
- Elevated their chamber brand.
- Built new partnerships.
- Engaged chamber members.
- Increased traffic to their website.
- Engaged sponsors.

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[click here](#) (scheduling link)
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civictrust@uschamber.com.

Key Responsibilities for State Partners

Chambers chosen as state-level partners may apply for grant funding to support their participation. State Partners commit to the following:

- Assist with identifying and recruiting local chambers to host local competitions in their state.
- Assist with promoting the local competitions statewide.
- Host the State Finals in summer of 2025 for the top finalists from each local competition. This is a nonpartisan civics competition for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
 - During the State Finals, the top 3 finalists from each local competition compete in a 90-minute live event featuring two rounds of civics quiz questions followed by a Q&A with event judges.
- Secure wi-fi enabled tablets for student finalists' use during the live quiz event.
- Recruit event judges, an emcee, and speakers.
- Engage local media and other partners to promote the National Civics Bee®.
- Engage business leaders as sponsors, judges and/or speakers.
- Use official National Civics Bee® materials, resources, and guidance.
- Participate in regular meetings and communications with U.S. Chamber Foundation staff.
- Complete required surveys and reports.

[Click here](#) to complete the 2025 National Civics Bee® State Partner Application.

Key Responsibilities for Local Partners

Chambers chosen as local partners may apply for grant funding to support their participation. Local Partners commit to the following:

- Host a nonpartisan civics competition in spring of 2025 for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
 - Students enter the National Civics Bee® by submitting an essay.
 - 20 essay finalists are selected to participate in a 90-minute in-person event featuring two rounds of civics quiz questions followed by a Q&A with event judges.
- Promote the competition to educators, schools, homeschool networks, and youth organizations with a goal of securing 100+ essay applications.
- Recruit essay judges, event judges, an emcee, and live event speakers.
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