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2026 National Civics Bee® Partnership Opportunity

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 strengthen their civics, writing, and public speaking skills, and form friendships with other young leaders. Finalists who advance from regional and state rounds to the National Championship compete for cash prizes, trophies, recognition, and a \$100,000 529 plan.

In three years, the competition has grown significantly from five to 40 states with plans to expand to all 50 states by “America’s 250th birthday” in 2026.

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

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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. [Click here](#) to visit the partner webpage for testimonials.

Partners report 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 brand.
- Built new partnerships.
- Engaged members and sponsors.
- Connected students with businesses/organizations to implement community improvements.
- Increased traffic to website.

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Key Responsibilities for State Partners

Organizations chosen as state-level partners receive funds for cash prizes are eligible for grant funding to support their participation. State Partners commit to the following:

- Host the State Finals for the top finalists from each regional competition. This is a nonpartisan civics competition for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
 - During the State Finals, the top finalists from each regional competition compete in a 90-minute live event featuring two rounds of civics quiz questions followed by a Q&A with event judges.
- Assist with identifying local chambers to host regional competitions in their state.
- Promote the essay round and regional competitions statewide.
- Secure wi-fi enabled tablets for all state finalists to use during the live quiz event.
- Recruit essay judges, event judges, an emcee, and speakers (optional).
- Engage partners to promote the Bee and serve as sponsors, speakers, and/or judges.
- Secure trophies for the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners and provide all finalists with certificates.
- Use official materials, resources, and guidance. Complete required surveys and reports.
- Participate in regular meetings and communications with U.S. Chamber Foundation staff.

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Key Responsibilities for Regional Partners

Organizations chosen as regional-level partners are eligible for grant funding to support their participation. Regional Partners commit to the following:

- Host a nonpartisan civics regional competition for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
 - Students enter the National Civics Bee by submitting an application.
 - Top 20 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 more than 50 student applications.
- Secure 20 wi-fi enabled tablets for regional finalists to use during the live quiz event.
- Recruit essay judges, event judges, an emcee, and speakers (optional).
- Engage partners to promote the Bee and serve as sponsors, speakers, and/or judges.
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