



Calling all middle school students!
Share your ideas and flex your civics knowledge in the
National Civics Bee®.



ABOUT THE BEE

The West Virginia Chamber Foundation is partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to host a nonpartisan statewide civics competition. The 2024-25 National Civics Bee® encourages young Americans in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to engage in civics and contribute to their communities.

The competition, modeled on traditional spelling and geography bees, gives students the chance to win recognition and earn cash prizes by sharing ideas for improving their communities and showing



their enthusiasm for civics. The winner of the **National Civics Bee® West Virginia State Finals** will receive a trip to Washington, DC to compete in the National Civics Bee® national championship in Fall 2025.

WHY CIVICS?

We are hosting the **National Civics Bee® West Virginia State Finals** because we believe that 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. Through the Bee, we are promoting greater civic knowledge throughout West Virginia and celebrating our civic pride.

HOW TO ENTER

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student residing in West Virginia with an idea about using civics to improve their community may submit their essay to participate in one local competition in their state. All essays must be submitted by Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Visit www.nationalcivicsbee.org for the latest news on the application portal, entry deadlines, and resources.

Students should review the **Contest Rules and Essay Guide** below and then apply using the following link: [2025 National Civics Bee® Application Link](#).

RESOURCES/ADDITIONAL INFO:

- [Essay Guide](#)
- [National Civics Bee® Highlights Video](#)
- [National Civics Bee® Website](#)
- Student Flyer
- [2025 National Civics Bee® Contest Rules – Essay Round](#)

STATE FINALS- To Be Announced

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in showcasing your company's commitment to developing active and engaged citizens? For information about available corporate sponsorships, please contact Rachael Fortune.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact rfortune@wvchamber.com

