



WELCOME PACKET & AGENDA

2024 NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHALLENGE - FINALS

June 1-3, 2024 || New York City

Dear Students, Teachers/Coaches, and Parents:

Congratulations on your team's success in Council for Economic Education's (CEE) **National Economics Challenge** SM! We look forward to hosting your team in New York City to celebrate your achievements and compete for the National Champion title!

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

1st place: **\$1,000** | 2nd place: **\$500** | 3rd place: **\$250** | 4th place: **\$150**

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with *CNBC*. Your family, friends, and the school can watch the live broadcast of the National Economics Quiz Bowl Finals *CNBC's* YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zg6f5MaT0ao>

Below, you will find detailed information about your trip and the event details. Please read this welcome packet thoroughly and if you have any questions, please contact us at rrivera@councilforeconed.org or heckstein@councilforeconed.org.

COMPETITION AGENDA

SATURDAY, JUNE 1: Competition Check-in 223 W 46th St, New York, NY 10036

- **12:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Registration
 - Hotel check in
 - Packet Pickup
- **3:00 PM** Hotel check in

SUNDAY JUNE 2: Critical Thinking Round – 4W43

- **7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** Breakfast at the hotel
- **7:30 AM** SKT students check in
- **7:45 AM** Students are seated and given instructions and documents
- **8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** SKT Qualifying Testing Round
- **9:00 AM** Morning teams check in for Critical Thinking Round
- **9:30 PM – 3:00 PM** Teams Prepare for critical thinking in staggered time slot
- **10:00 AM – 3:30 PM** Teams give presentations in staggered time slots
- **3:00 PM - 3:30 PM** Judges Confer
- **5:00 PM - 9:30 PM** Dinner Cruise
 - Depart hotel at 5:30 PM
 - Board Ship at 6:30 PM
 - Final four teams will be announced
 - Deboard by 10:00 PM
 - Back at hotel by 10:30 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 3: The Quiz Bowl – 4W43

- **7:00 AM – 8:00 AM** Breakfast provided at the hotel
- **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** Teams Check in at 4W43 (US Teams check in at 9:30 AM)
- **9:15 AM – 9:45 AM** Chinese Student Rehearsal (Adam Smith and David Ricardo Teams)
 - Rules and Quiz Bowl Instructions, Blocking, and Sample Questions
 - Teams not competing will be held in the registration area until 9:45 AM
- **9:45 AM – 10:15 AM** CHN David Ricardo Quiz Bowl
- **10:20 AM – 10:45 AM** CHN Adam Smith Quiz bowl
- **10:45 AM – 11:00 AM** CHN Awards Ceremony
- **11:30 AM – 12:00 PM** US Quiz Bowl Student Rehearsals
- **11:30 AM – 12:20 PM** Lunch
- **12:25 PM – 12:30 PM** Pre-show Remarks
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- **12:25 PM – 12:30 PM** Pre-show Remarks
- **12:30 PM – 1:15 PM** US David Ricardo Quiz Bowl
- **1:30 PM – 2:15 PM** US Adam Smith Quiz Bowl
- **2:15 PM – 2:45 PM** US Awards Ceremony
- **2:55 PM – 3:20 PM** David Ricardo International Quiz Bowl
- **3:20 PM – 3:50 PM** Adam Smith International Quiz Bowl
- **3:50 PM – 4:00 PM** International Awards Ceremony

- **4:00 PM – 4:30 PM** Post show interviews and photos with 1st Place Teams for David Ricardo and Adam Smith International Round Winners
- **4:30 PM** End of Program

REMEMBER

Each team member (including the coach) is encouraged to bring an item for the gift exchange. A gift exchange between American students and Chinese students will take place on Sunday evening during the Dinner Cruise. Gifts should not exceed \$15. Ideas for gifts may include t-shirts or hats with your school or state colors or logos.

CEE strongly encourages networking and socializing among students at the competition.

THE CRITICAL THINKING ROUND

- The critical thinking round consists of a one-page critical thinking problem that outlines an economic issue, poses a problem, and tasks your team with providing an economic analysis addressing the problem.
- Teams will have **twenty-five (25) minutes** to prepare a plan for the prompt and submit their work to CEE.
- Teams will present their plan to a panel of judges. Teams will be given a maximum of **12 minutes** to give their presentation and **7 minutes** to answer any questions.
- Judges will be looking for a clear and rational analysis of the problem. You will be asked to consider alternative policies and then to propose and justify a single policy solution. You will not be judged on your specific policy proposal, but upon your analysis leading up to the proposal.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR TEAM

- Sample case studies: <https://npfc.councilforeconed.org/national-finals/>
- Watch this video of a National Personal Finance Challenge team's financial plan presentation for the Hernandez case study. At the 22-minute mark, you will see the NPFC judging rubric and judge's commentary: <https://youtu.be/SIkB-kdBbPI>

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

All teams will stay at the **SpringHill Suites by Marriott New York Midtown Manhattan/Time Square**, 223 W 46th St, New York, NY 10036

- The hotel accommodations are provided for 2 nights/3 days.
- Room assignments include up to four same gender students per room.

- Team coaches will each have their own room.
- Only assigned guests are permitted to stay in each room.

TRANSPORTATION

You and your team are responsible for arranging transportation between your hometown and the airport and from the airport to the hotel (for both your departure and return). CEE will arrange flights to and from state or origin.

HOTEL CHECK-IN

Upon arrival go to the hotel's registration desk to check-in. Hotel check in is at 3:00pm. If your team arrives early you may request early check-in. When you've completed your hotel check-in and have arrived within CEE's registration window (see times below), please make your way to the hotel's bar area to check in with the CEE staff.

COMPETITION CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

- Saturday June 1, **12:00 PM - 5:00 PM** in the SpringHill Suites hotel bar area

INCIDENTALS

Incidentals have been blocked (long distance telephone calls, mini-bar, bottled water, and pay-per-view movies). Teams wishing to unblock incidentals will be expected to provide a credit card at check-in.

WI-FI

Free Wi-Fi will only work in the guest rooms (up to 5 devices) but not meeting rooms. CEE will provide Wi-Fi only for planned activities in the meeting rooms.

CHECKING OUT

- All teams are expected to check out of their hotel rooms on Monday morning.
- Upon check-out, feel free to bring all luggage to the lobby where you may store your baggage at no cost.
- Depending on flight availability, some teams may depart the following morning (Tuesday) — **this must be pre-approved by CEE.**
- Your team will be responsible for additional nights of stay before or past pre-approved dates.

OFFICIAL PICTURE ID, NAME TAGS

Please carry your official/state picture ID throughout the weekend, and please wear your name tag during all events to help us identify you and your team. If you lose your name tag, please let us know so we can replace it.

DRESS CODE FOR COMPETITION

Sunday Critical Thinking Round – Business attire

Sunday Dinner Cruise – Casual

Monday Quiz Bowl Rounds – Business attire

RULES OF CONDUCT

For an enjoyable experience and for the safety of all travelers, all students and team coaches must comply with the following rules of conduct:

- Each team is limited to four students and one coach/chaperone.
- Every team coach/chaperone is responsible for keeping their team members together during transfers and in-transit to and from event sites.
- Each team's coach/chaperone is responsible for the overall supervision and behavior of their students.
- Team members are prohibited from possessing or using any illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or weapons. Anyone found in the possession of any of these items will be immediately disqualified, and the team will not be allowed to advance.
- Team members will stay in the accommodations assigned to them.
- Teachers will be assigned a single room in the vicinity of their team members.
- Should any problems arise, team members should immediately report to their coach or a CEE staff member. **In case of an emergency, please call 911.**
- Each team member is fully responsible for their own personal items and baggage.
- Each team member is responsible to notify CEE of any special health issues, or dietary needs and requests.

HELPFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

- Confirm your travel 1–2 days prior to departure with the airline directly.
- Please remember to bring a copy of your itinerary and the travel memo when you travel, as well as an official government issued ID.
- Check the TSA's website for the most up-to-date carry-on restrictions:
<http://www.tsa.gov/>

- Many bags look alike, make sure your luggage has an identification tag. It is recommended that you put something on your checked luggage (i.e. a ribbon or sticker) that you will be able to clearly identify your bag on the carousel.
- Please carry your passport or government issued ID, travel itinerary and money with you at all times while traveling.
- Make a copy of your documents and other vital information. Keep these copies in a place separate from your passport as a safety precaution in case your passport or ticket is lost or stolen.
- In case of a travel emergency or canceled flight, please contact a CEE staff member.
- For those flying, check your airline's website for details about allowable size/weight of luggage and if fees apply for checked or carry-on luggage. Most airlines allow a carry-on, and a personal item such as a laptop bag or purse and one piece of checked luggage — but you should verify.

GUESTS

Any parent, spouse, or additional guest who wishes to attend the National Finals is responsible for making their own travel arrangements, including accommodations and transportation. CEE is not responsible for these individual guests and cannot guarantee their participation in group activities.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact the National Economics Challenge team by emailing Ruben Rivera at: rrivera@councilforeconed.org or Hannah Eckstein at: heckstein@councilforeconed.org

ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION

The Council for Economic Education's (CEE's) mission is to equip K–12 students with the tools and knowledge of personal finance and economics so that they can make better decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities. We carry out our mission in three ways. We advocate to require financial and economic education in every state. We provide training, tools, and resources — online and live through over 180 affiliates nationwide — to more than 40,000 teachers annually, who in turn bring the highest quality economics and personal finance instruction to over 4 million students. We deepen knowledge and introduce high school students to critical career capabilities through our national competitions and Invest in Girls program.

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