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Calling All Middle School Students!

Share your ideas and show off your civics skills in the Oregon Civics Bee.

STATE

\$1,000

cash prize FIRST PLACE

\$750

cash prize SECOND PLACE

\$500

cash prize THIRD PLACE

NATIONAL

State Finalists who advance to the national competition will compete for prizes worth more than **\$50,000**.

About the Bee

The inaugural Oregon Civics Bee encourages young Oregonians to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. In the first round of the contest, students will participate in an essay competition. Judges will choose 20 finalists to participate in the Oregon Civics Bee event, a quiz-style contest that will take place May 30, 2024, at Willamette University in Salem. The winner will be invited to participate in the National Civics Bee, which will take place in Washington, D.C., in fall 2024.

How to Enter

If you are a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in your community, review the rules and guidelines on this page:

www.oregonbusinessindustry.com/national-civics-bee-oregon

Next, complete the online submission form, including contact information for your parent or guardian, and upload (preferred) or mail your 500-word essay.

DEADLINE: Essays must be received by midnight on Jan. 8, 2024

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Essay Topic

Identify a problem facing your community. How might a citizen solve the problem? Write a 500-word essay that includes the following:

- What is the problem, and how do different members in your community or neighborhood view it?
- What civic principles or systems could help to address the problem?
- What is your idea or recommendation for solving the problem?
- What primary sources, such as the Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution, provide supporting evidence or examples for your idea or recommendation?
- How might members of your community or neighborhood bring your idea or recommendation to life?

Judging Criteria

Your essay will be evaluated based on how well you:

- Demonstrate an understanding of civics
- Acknowledge and address opposing points of view
- Use primary sources
- Clearly describe an idea innovative or new to you

Best of Luck!

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