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# National Civics Bee Applications Now Open!

Nominations Due By January 8



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Share your ideas and show off your civic skills in the National Civics Bee.

### ABOUT THE BEE

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans 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 then select 20 finalists to participate in the final round: **a live quiz event testing civics knowledge.**

#### LOCAL

**\$500**

cash prize

FIRST PLACE

**\$250**

cash prize

SECOND PLACE

**\$125**

cash prize

THIRD PLACE

#### STATE

**\$1,000**

cash prize

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#### NATIONAL

**More than \$50,000!**

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



### 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:

[wmcfoundation.org/national-civics-bee/](http://wmcfoundation.org/national-civics-bee/)

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

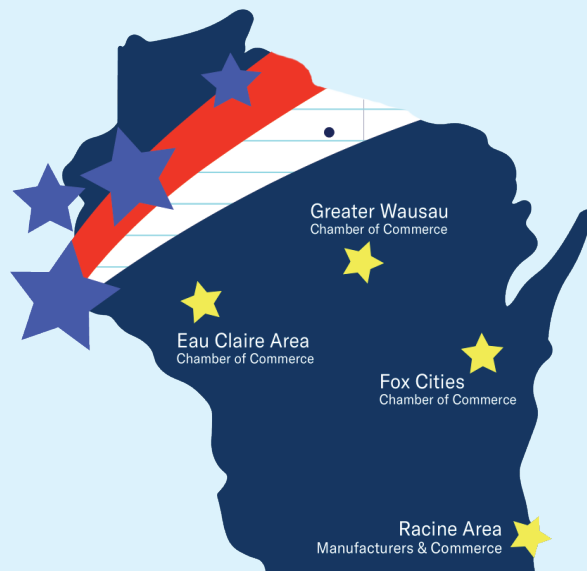
Submit your essay to the participating local chamber closest to your hometown:

[Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Racine Area Manufacturers & Commerce](#)

[Wausau Chamber of Commerce](#)



See reverse for application details

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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 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?



## DEADLINE

**Essays must be received by January 8, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.**  
*Submit your essay to the participating local chamber closest to your hometown.*



## JUDGING CRITERIA

**Students' essays will be evaluated based on how well they:**

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

Visit [wmcfoundation.org/national-civics-bee/](https://wmcfoundation.org/national-civics-bee/) for more details!

**QUESTIONS? Contact [Michelle Grajkowski](#), Senior Director of Business World, (608) 661-6904.**



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