



# 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS OF KANSAS: How can you make a difference in your community?

Start with an essay to the 2025 National Civics Bee!  
[nationalcivicsbee.org](http://nationalcivicsbee.org)

Students who participate in the National Civics Bee strengthen their civics, writing, and public speaking skills, and form friendships with other young leaders along the way. Finalists who advance from local and state rounds to the National Championship compete for cash prizes, trophies, recognition, and a \$100,000 - 529 plan.

## How it Works



### Write an essay proposing your ideas for improving your community.

- Use the 2025 Essay Guide to find the prompt, judging rubric, and tips on how to prepare your 750-word (max) essay.
- Read the Contest Rules. \*\* Public, private, charter, and homeschool students in grades 6-8 who are residents of Kansas are eligible.
- You'll need consent from your parent or guardian to apply.



- Top-scoring essay finalists are invited to compete at local and state bees happening in Spring-Summer 2025. The top winner from the state of Kansas receives a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Championship in Fall 2025.



- To prep for local and state rounds, finalists receive a special study guide and complimentary access to Khanmigo, Khan Academy's AI-powered online tutor.



### Submit your essay by February 4, 2025.

- The application is open NOW! Check [nationalcivicsbee.org](http://nationalcivicsbee.org) for the announcement.

## PRIZES

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Place	<b>\$100,000*</b> <small>529 plan</small>
2nd Place	<b>\$25,000*</b>
3rd Place	<b>\$15,000*</b>

### STATE FINALS

1st Place	<b>\$1,000*</b>
2nd Place	<b>\$500*</b>
3rd Place	<b>\$250*</b>

### LOCAL BEES

1st Place	<b>\$500*</b>
2nd Place	<b>\$250*</b>
3rd Place	<b>\$125*</b>

\*Amounts shown are the minimum to be awarded. Finalists should reference the Contest Rules for full prize information.  
 \*\*Full details on the entry procedure are described in the Contest Rules, which will be available on October 15, 2024 upon contest opening.

## Essay Prompt

To enter the 2025 National Civics Bee, Kansas middle schoolers in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades must answer the following three questions:

**01** Identify a specific problem, challenge, or opportunity in your community. What can you do to contribute to its improvement?  
*200 words minimum-250 words maximum*

**02** What individuals or organizations would you work with to accomplish your solution? Examples include elected officials, business leaders, and nonprofits.  
*200 words minimum-250 words maximum*

**03** How does your solution include Founding Principles and Civic Virtues?  
*200 words minimum-250 words maximum*

## About the Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual, nonpartisan competition for middle school students designed to enhance civics knowledge, skills, and engagement among young Americans, their families, and communities.

The competition is organized by The Civic Trust, part of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in partnership with the State of Kansas, the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Forge Young Talent, and various other state and local chambers across the country.



Download the **2025 Essay Guide** to access the full essay prompt, judging rubric, and support materials!



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