

## Economics Challenge Critical Thinking Rules

This competition showcases high school students applying economic principles to a real-world voter issue. Student teams have 30 minutes to prepare and present proposed solutions to judges who are economists or executives from various industries. This fast-paced competition tests economic ingenuity and quickness of mind.

### Registration

- [Register](#) for the competition no later than March 10, 2024.

### Eligibility

- Teams consist of 3 - 4 students.
- All team members must attend the same school.
- Students enrolled in an economics course, or a course that includes economics, in grades 9 – 12 are eligible.
- Middle School students enrolled in an economics course are welcome to compete but will not be eligible to qualify for the national competition.

### Competition Guidelines

- Students will apply economics principles as they analyze a case study describing a current voter issue.
- Teams will propose a solution to the issues using economic thinking and accurately applying economic principles.
- Teams will compete in the first round of competition via Zoom on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- Teams will receive the competition case study on the **day of the competition**.
- Teams will be placed in a breakout room for 30 minutes to prepare their presentation of the proposed solution.
- Teams will then move to a judging Zoom room for the presentation.
- Presentations cannot last more than 10 minutes, and all group members must participate.
- Teams are prohibited from using Internet resources to prepare presentations.
- The presentation will be followed by judges' questions lasting no more than 5 minutes.
- Finalists will be invited to compete in the State Finals to take place on **April 19<sup>th</sup> at Mesa Community College** at which time a new case study will be presented.

### Arizona Economics Challenge Champion and National Economics Challenge Qualifier

This is a qualifying event for the National Economics Challenge. The team from the David Ricardo division and the team from the Adam Smith division with the highest combined Economics Critical Thinking presentation score and Economics Challenge online test score will advance to the National Economics Challenge for their division.