

## 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.

### 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.

### Competition Guidelines

- Finalists will be invited to compete in the State Finals to take place on **April 17, 2025, at Mesa Community College – Red Mountain Campus.**
- Students will apply economic principles as they analyze a case study describing a current voter issue.
- Teams will propose a solution to the issue using economic thinking and accurately applying economic principles.
- Teams will receive the competition case study on the **day of the competition.**
- Teams will have 25 minutes to prepare their presentation in a monitored preparation room.
- Teachers will NOT be allowed in the prep room.
- Teams may create a PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation together using a shared file but CANNOT have any other tab open on their computers.
- If a PowerPoint or Google slide presentation is used, the team must start with a **blank presentation.**
- Teams are prohibited from using Internet resources to prepare presentations.
- Teams will be moved to a presentation room when the prep time is complete.
- Presentations cannot last more than 10 minutes, and all group members must participate.
- The presentation will be followed by judges' questions lasting no more than 5 minutes.

### 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.