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The Stock Market Game™(SMG) is a national program of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) that allows students and teachers the opportunity to invest a virtual $100,000 in bonds, mutual funds, and stocks in a 10-week project based learning simulation.

The program is available to all grade levels but is more easily utilized in grades 4-12 and college classes. Teams participating in the Arkansas Stock Market Game are divided into Economics Arkansas’ six university based regions and three divisions (elementary- 4th- 6th grade, junior high-7th- 9th grade, and senior high- 10th- 12th grade) within each region. There is also a teacher division. The college and teacher divisions are statewide. competitions.

**What Arkansas Teachers Say about the SMG**

* “Because it is authentic, kids can see how economies are influenced all over the world, results of corporate decision making, and they use the higher level thinking skills of synthesis and evaluation.”
* “The SMG engages students in a real life simulation and helps them to see the cause/effect of their choices, based on research or the lack of it.”
* “Great live event learning opportunity!”
* “My students learn more through this than any other method of presenting these concepts.”
* “I used the SMG to increase knowledge of personal finance, math, economics, writing, research and reading.”
* “Outstanding tool to get the students actively involved in learning about the stock market.”

**Program Dates for 2013-2014** **FREE Teacher Workshops & Webinars!**

**Fall Dates** The Stock Market Game is available

\*Teacher Promotional Dates: September 9-27, 2013 to all schools in Arkansas. Teachers new

 Program Dates: September 30-December 6, 2013 to the program are encouraged to

**Spring Dates** attend a training workshop. These sessions

\*Teacher Promotional Dates: January 6-24, 2014 will enable teachers to learn how to

 Program Dates: January 27-April 4, 2014 play the game, use the curriculum materials

\*Promotional dates are free. that accompany the program and

 Log on to [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org) for information. understand the economics of the securities markets.

**Cost Improved Student Achievement**

Teacher workshops are free. A recent study by Learning Point Associates

Stock Market Game teams are $15.00 finds the SMG has a significant impact on

per team (1-5 players per team) student achievement in math and personal

 finance. Visit <http://www.learningpt.org/smg>

**Awards** to learn more about the study.

**Elementary, Junior, and Senior High Divisions**

**1st, 2nd Place**: **Contact Information**

\*Team cash awards of $100 and $50 Marsha Masters

\*Recognition at an awards luncheon Program Coordinator & SMG Coordinator

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**Teacher Winners**  Elisha Poteet

\*Teacher Division Program Assistant

\*Overall Portfolio elisha@economicsarkansas.org

\*Statewide Overall Average for a group of 5 or more teams (501)683-2168

\*Recognition during statewide awards luncheon