# Arkansas Economics & Personal Finance Challenges

High school students (**grades 9–12**) are invited to compete in two statewide challenges that test their knowledge of economics & personal finance. A preliminary round of testing will advance teams to the state finals.

Teams will complete written assessments & present case study solutions, demonstrating skills in economic areas. Top teams earn cash prizes & the 1st place Personal Finance Challenge team advances to the National Challenge! **Join us on March 13, 2026.** 

#### **Picturing Econ Art Competition**

"A picture paints a thousand words." In this competition, **K–8 students** are asked to create original artwork that reflects their understanding of economic concepts.

Winners will be celebrated on EA social media & earn prize money for both the students & teachers. **Submit by December 19, 2025.** 

# Matoral Resources

#### **Youth Entrepreneurship Showcase (Y.E.S.)**

**Y.E.S.** is a **FREE** business pitch competition open to Arkansas students (**grades 5–8**). The competition gives students hands-on entrepreneurship experience.

Winning teams & their mentors receive cash prizes, certificates, & a trophy for their school or program. **Submit by Nov 17, 2025.** 

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# Educator invited Workshops

Fall 2025 & Winter 2026













#### **America 250** Econ Style

A **K-8** webinar series that explores the nation's history through an economic lens, highlighting the key moments & decisions that shaped America's growth. Each session equips educators with ready-to-use lessons, children's literature tie-ins, & interactive activities that bring history & economics to life in the classroom.

Oct 23 Nov 11 Dec 11 Feb 2

#### **Check Out Economics at the Library**

A **K–12 in-person workshop** that connects economics, personal finance, & entrepreneurship with the unique resources libraries provide. Educators will explore books, digital tools, makerspaces, & community programs - leaving with fresh lesson ideas, classroom activities, & creative ways libraries can support student learning.

Oct 27 Conway Nov 17 Bryant Dec 10 Pine Bluff

#### **Econ on Location**

A **K-12 in-person workshop** that takes educators beyond the classroom & into real-world settings. Each session includes on-site tours, conversations with industry leaders, & ready-to-use lesson ideas that connect local experiences to classroom learning.

Oct 8 Nov 3 Nov 6 Nov 10 Nov 17



Visit our calendar of events to register! economicsarkansas.org

### **Elementary Economics Expedition**

#### From Standards to Stories

A **K-5 webinar series** that guides educators through Arkansas' economics standards using stories & resources that bring concepts to life. Each session highlights children's literature, classroom-ready activities, & a video from the *Explore Economics* series to help young learners understand goods, services, & the choices we make daily.

Oct 1 Nov 4 Dec 18 Jan 6 Feb 5

### **Everything Comes from Something**

A **K-6 webinar series** inspired by Carmen Agra Deedy's reminder that "everything comes from something." Each session spotlights a different letter of the alphabet by connecting it to an everyday product. Participants will explore the resources behind it, & equip educators with classroom activities & a free book to extend learning.

 Sep 30
 Oct 6
 Oct 16
 Oct 20
 Nov 6

 Nov 12
 Dec 1
 Dec 8
 Dec 16
 Jan 7

 Jan 13
 Jan 26
 Feb 12
 Feb 18
 Feb 23

#### **GROWing** Financially Savvy Students

A **K–5 webinar series** that helps educators teach essential financial literacy skills through stories, lessons, & hands-on activities. Educators will receive ready-to-use strategies to help young learners build strong financial habits through exploring themes like earning, saving, spending, sharing, & borrowing.

Oct 13 Nov 17 Dec 18 Jan 12 Feb 9

#### Power Hour The "R" in LEARN\$



A **K–12 in-person workshop** that takes educators onsite to explore local industries in just 60 minutes. Each visit provides a behind-the-scenes look at businesses, resources they use, and the skills students need. Educators will walk away with practical insights, industry connections, & ready-to-use classroom resources.

Central Arkansas Water
Sep 29 Sherwood

Arnold & Blevins
Oct 1 LR

WER Architects
Nov 13 LR

## The Stock Market Game™

A **FREE** simulation available to students in grades 4–12, college, & educators to explore investing & financial decision-making.

Teams compete in fall, spring, or year-long sessions, trading live in the market while building critical thinking, collaboration, & financial skills. Educators can join webinars for step-by-step support, tips, & classroom-ready strategies to get students "in the game."

**Dec** 18

Nov 18 Jan 6 Dec 17 Jan 8



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