

## Oregon Civics Bee Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** When will the entry portal open?

**A:** The entry portal will open on the Oregon Civics Bee website on Nov. 13, 2023, and remain open through Jan. 8, 2024.

**Q:** Who is eligible to participate?

**A:** The Oregon Civics Bee is open to all Oregon students in grades 6, 7 and 8 (public, private, charter and homeschool students).

**Q:** My child would like to participate, but we don't live near Salem, the location of the Oregon Civics Bee. Can they still participate?

**A:** Yes! Students from around the state are encouraged to apply.

**Q:** Is there a fee to participate in the state or national competition?

**A:** There is no fee to participate in the state or national competition. A modest travel stipend may be available to students invited to the Oregon Civics Bee who live more than 50 miles from Salem.

**Q:** What are the prizes?

**A:** Cash prize amounts for the Oregon Civics Bee are \$500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$750 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Prize amounts for the national competition will be at least \$5,000 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$7,500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$10,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**Q:** When will my child learn if their essay has qualified them for the state competition?

**A:** Notifications to the top 20 participants in the essay competition will go out no later than March 15, 2024.

**Q:** When and where will the Oregon Civics Bee take place?

**A:** We are still finalizing details, including date and venue. The state competition will take place in May 2024 (date TBD) in Salem (specific location TBD).

**Q:** Who will be invited to the National Civics Bee, and when and where is that?

**A:** The winner of the Oregon Civics Bee will be invited to the National Civics Bee, which will take place in Washington, D.C., in the fall of 2024 (date TBD).

**Q:** I am a teacher and would like my entire class to participate. Are classroom guidebooks available?

**A:** Please reach out to [katiekoenig@oregonbusinessindustry.com](mailto:katiekoenig@oregonbusinessindustry.com), who can provide you with support materials for your classroom.

**Q:** Whom can I contact with questions?

**A:** Email [katiekoenig@oregonbusinessindustry.com](mailto:katiekoenig@oregonbusinessindustry.com) for more information.