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Maryland Council on Economic Education Hosts State Personal Finance Challenges

- Middle and High School Students Compete to Demonstrate
Financial Education Learned in School -

TOWSON, Md., April 6, 2016 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state’s schools grades K-16, is hosting the annual [Maryland’s Personal Finance Challenge](#) over two days for middle and high school students. [M&T Bank](#) sponsors Maryland’s Personal Finance Challenge.

The Maryland’s Personal Finance Challenge is an opportunity for middle and high school students to demonstrate their personal finance knowledge on topics such as spending, credit, savings, investing, income, and money management while also meeting students from other areas of the state.

“M&T Bank supports the Personal Finance Challenge as part of our commitment to education in our communities. We believe a good education is a key to the future success of our young people,” said Augie Chiasera, president of M&T Bank’s Baltimore and Chesapeake regions.

The Maryland’s Personal Finance Challenges both begin with the students taking a series of three 15-question quizzes clustered around spending and credit, saving and investing, and income and money management. The two teams with the highest scores will continue on to the Quiz Bowl round. Students use buzzers to answer questions about the same categories from the first round in addition to questions focused on current events in the news.

Members of the first and second place middle and high school teams receive cash prizes sponsored by M&T Bank. The high school first place state winners will go on to the national competition in Missouri.

High School Maryland’s Personal Finance Challenge

Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

[Radisson Hotel North Baltimore](#)

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28 teams made up of 111 students from the following schools are scheduled to participate:

Gerstell Academy – Independent school in Carroll County

Applications and Research Lab – Howard County

Lansdowne High School – Baltimore County

Mount Saint Joseph High School – Independent school in Baltimore City

Calvert High School – Calvert County

Northern High School – Calvert County

Patuxent High School – Calvert County

Centennial High School – Howard County

Huntington High School (two teams) – Calvert High School
Mt. Hebron High School – Howard County
Washington High School – Somerset County
Montgomery Blair High School – Montgomery County
North Point High School – Charles County
Benjamin Franklin High School – Baltimore City
Severna Park High School – Anne Arundel County

Click [HERE](#) for the High School Personal Finance Challenge Manual which includes details about how the competition works, practice tips and resources, a non-comprehensive list of content and vocabulary to help the teams prepare, sample questions, and more.

Middle School Maryland's Personal Finance Challenge

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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9 teams made up of 36 students from the following schools are scheduled to participate:

Samuel Ogle Middle School – Prince George's County
Sudlersville Middle School (two teams) – Queen Anne's County
Lake Elkhorn Middle School – Howard County
Waverly Middle School – Baltimore City

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About Maryland Council on Economic Education

For more than 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's school children leave school equipped with the economic and financial literacy knowledge and decision-making skills they will need to make informed, rational decisions as consumers, workers, citizens, savers, investors, and participants in the global economy. MCEE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and affiliate of the national [Council For Economic Education](#).

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