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**Fayette Chamber of Commerce Launches National Civics Bee®**

*Southwestern PA middle school students will test their civics knowledge and compete for national title*

[Uniontown, PA]—The Fayette Chamber of Commerce proudly announces the launch of the 2025 National Civics Bee®, an initiative aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Hosted in partnership with The Civic Trust® of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the competition in Uniontown, Fayette’s county seat, will inspire middle schoolers to become better informed about American democracy, to engage respectfully and constructively in the community, and to build greater trust in others and institutions.

Middle school students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade from public, private, charter, and home schools are invited to take part in the first-round civics essay competition. After a distinguished panel of judges review the essays, the top 20 students will be selected to advance to their local competition: an in-person live event featuring two rounds of civics questions followed by a Q&A round to test their civics knowledge. The Fayette Chamber will host its local competition in the spring of 2025. The local finalists and top winners will receive various prizes, including prizes worth at least \$500 for the first-place student.

Participants in the National Civics Bee® will have the chance to gain recognition for their civics knowledge and skills and compete for prestigious prizes throughout the competition. The competition enables students to explore issues that matter to their communities, furthering their understanding of civic engagement and fostering responsible citizenship. Winners from each of the local competitions across Pennsylvania will be invited to take part in the state finals. The first-place winner of the state finals will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete for prizes worth at least \$50,000 during the national championship in the Fall of 2025.

Muriel Nuttall, executive director of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce shared, “Learning and understanding civics is essential for shaping informed, responsible citizens. This type of initiative not only empowers young individuals but also ensures the future strength and vitality of our communities.”

“Fostering a deep understanding of civics and government among our young students is critical to the vibrancy of democracy and civic life in America. The National Civics Bee® provides a unique platform for them to not only showcase their knowledge but also become active and engaged citizens of the future,” said Hilary Crow, vice president of civics at the U.S. Chamber Foundation.

**For more information on the National Civics Bee® visit: [nationalcivicsbee.org](https://nationalcivicsbee.org).**

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### **About National Civics Bee®**

The National Civics Bee®, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's The Civic Trust®, is an annual nonpartisan competition aimed at improving civics education and literacy among middle school students, their families, and communities. The National Civics Bee® helps elevate civics as a national priority through a network of state and local chambers across the country. The National Civics Bee® is made possible through the generous support of its founding partner, the Daniels Fund, Citizen Travelers, and other funders.

### **About the Fayette Chamber of Commerce**

The Fayette Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most active business marketing and advocacy organization in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Established and accredited with the Pennsylvania and United States Chambers of Commerce in 1925, the Fayette Chamber has grown to include a membership of over 700 businesses and organizations throughout Fayette County. The Fayette Chamber is dedicated to work in community development, economic development, and tourism. The Fayette Chamber of Commerce and non-profit arm, The Redstone Foundation are proud to lead initiatives like the Fayette Business Education Partnership, and the Fayette County PR Initiative.