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Fayette Business Education Partnership to Host 2026 National Civics Bee® Regional Competition

Uniontown, PA 3/27/2026 – The Fayette Business Education Partnership (FBEP), a program of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce and the Redstone Foundation, is proud to partner with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to host the 2026 National Civics Bee® Regional Competition on April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Porter Theater in Connellsville.

This year's regional competition includes middle school students from Fayette and Somerset counties, highlighting a growing regional commitment to strengthening civic knowledge and engagement among young people.

The National Civics Bee® is an annual, nonpartisan initiative designed to encourage middle school students to deepen their understanding of American government, engage constructively in their communities, and develop a lifelong commitment to civic participation. Now expanding to all 50 states in celebration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026, the program reflects a nationwide effort to reinvigorate civics education.

The competition begins with a written essay application and culminates in live events at the regional, state, and national levels. Regional finalists compete in a live quiz and Q&A format, with top students advancing to the Pennsylvania State Civics Bee. Finalists who move on to the National Championship in Washington, D.C., compete for national recognition, cash prizes, and a \$100,000 529 education savings plan contribution.

"We believe that strong communities begin with informed and engaged citizens," said Muriel Nuttall, Executive Director of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce. "The National Civics Bee encourages our students to think critically about real issues, understand how government works, and recognize that their voices matter. As we approach America's 250th anniversary, investing in civic knowledge is one of the most important investments we can make."

The regional event is made possible through collaboration from the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, reinforcing a shared commitment across county lines to youth leadership and civic literacy.



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The community is invited to attend the April 21 competition and support these outstanding young scholars as they demonstrate their knowledge and passion for civic engagement.

For more information about the National Civics Bee®, visit nationalcivicsbee.org. For local event information please contact khull@fayettechamber.com.

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About the Fayette Business Education Partnership

The Fayette Business Education Partnership (FBEP) connects education, business, and community partners to prepare students for success in college, career, and civic life. As a program of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce and the Redstone Foundation, FBEP works to strengthen workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and leadership development across the region.

About the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation harnesses the power of business to create solutions for the good of America and the world. The Foundation anticipates, develops, and deploys solutions to challenges facing communities; today and tomorrow.

About the National Civics Bee®

The National Civics Bee®, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is an annual nonpartisan competition aimed at improving civics education and literacy among middle school students, their families, and communities. The program elevates civics as a national priority through a growing network of state, regional, and local partners across the country.