

2025 NATIONAL CIVICS BEE®

Volunteer Essay Judge Opportunity

BEE CIVICALLY ENGAGED. BEE AN EVALUATOR. BEE A NATIONAL CIVICS BEE® ESSAY JUDGE.



The National Civics Bee® is an annual competition that encourages young Americans nationwide to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades submit 750-word (max) essays explaining how they could improve their communities using civics.



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THE OPPORTUNITY

Essay judges are critical to the National Civics Bee®. As an essay judge, you would:

1 Help select finalists for a national youth competition

Evaluate student essays during the judging window, for a total of 1–3 hours of volunteer time. Your scores determine which finalists advance to local live competitions.

2 Gain insights from America's next generation of leaders

Learn about the community issues students care about most, and consider their unique solutions.

3 Participate in a virtual community service opportunity

Complete your 1–3 hours of volunteer time on your own schedule, with 24/7 access to the online judging portal throughout the judging window. Receive training and materials online.

“It’s taught me that you need to have an active role in your community. If you want to be a good citizen, you need to get out there, make friends, volunteer, and spread your ideas.”

Nathaniel Gushurst
2023 Pennsylvania Winner



NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

01 Apply

Complete the interest form online:

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For additional questions, email civictrust@uschamber.com

02 Refer

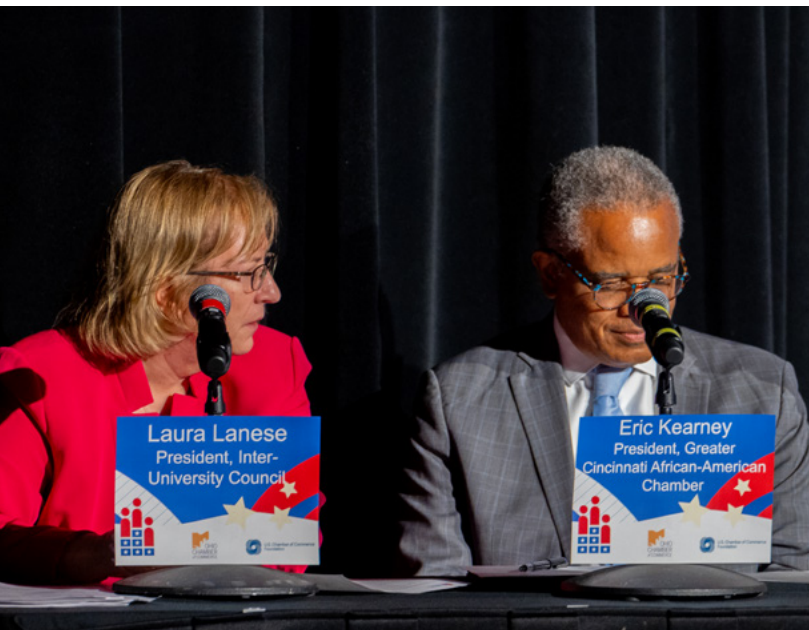
Share this flyer with your friends, family, colleagues, and community.

03 Train

Complete online training in Fall 2024.

04 Evaluate

Read and evaluate essays in Winter 2025–Spring 2025.



“Every essay pulses with purpose and pride, transcending backgrounds, and I couldn’t believe the wide range of topics students chose to tackle. I am inspired by the words of the next generation to personally do more to encourage civic engagement.”

2024 National Civics Bee® Judge