

## Economics Challenge

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is pleased to announce this year's Economics Challenge, a competition for high school students to increase their knowledge and understanding of economics. Regional competitions will be held in Alaska, Arizona, Northern California, Southern California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

- ▶ Teams are made up of three students.
- ▶ A fourth student may be named as an alternate and will attend and compete *only if* another team member is unable to participate on the day of the competition.
- ▶ Participation is limited to high school juniors and seniors.
- ▶ Winning team members in each state will be awarded \$1,000 savings bonds.
- ▶ Following the competition, winning teams from each state will be posted on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's web site.
- ▶ The three participants on the overall highest scoring team from among the participating states will win all-expense-paid trips to San Francisco.
- ▶ Each team must pay a \$25 registration fee.

## Regional Challenge – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000

The Regional Economic Challenge will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, 1015 Second Ave., Seattle.

### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

On the day of the Regional Challenge, team members will take part in a three-round competition that tests their knowledge and understanding of economics. The rounds will include 15 multiple-choice questions in the following areas:

- ROUND 1    MACROECONOMICS
- ROUND 2    MICROECONOMICS
- ROUND 3    INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE SYSTEMS

Each of the three rounds will last 25 minutes. Students will have a break between each round while the tests from that round are scored. Team scores will be posted before another round begins. Ten points will be awarded for each correct answer.

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

At the end of round three, the top two teams move ahead to round four. Round four is a college-bowl competition. Twenty questions will be asked on the Federal Reserve System. Ten points will be awarded for each correct answer and 5 points will be subtracted for each incorrect answer. Team winners will be determined by the cumulative scores of rounds one-four. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony immediately following the competition.

## Prizes

### Regional Competition

At each regional competition, winning team members will receive \$1,000 savings bonds. All winning team scores will also be posted on the Bank's web site.

### Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Winners

The three participating team members on the overall highest scoring team will receive a two-day trip to San Francisco.

## Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Winners

After all team scores are reported from each regional competition, the three participants on the overall highest scoring team and a chaperone will win a two-day trip to San Francisco. Winners will gain an inside look at the Fed's operations and monetary policy.

## Meeting the Challenge— Getting Started

- ▶ Select a team of three students to participate in the Challenge. Teams are limited to high school juniors and seniors.
- ▶ Obtain sample test questions from the following web site: [www.frbsf.org/econchallenge](http://www.frbsf.org/econchallenge).
- ▶ Write the dates for competitions on the school's master calendar. Inform the principal about the Economics Challenge.
- ▶ By April 14, 2000, submit the application form and check for \$25 payable to:

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Additional information about the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economics Challenge can be found on the Bank's web site: [www.frbsf.org/econchallenge](http://www.frbsf.org/econchallenge) or by contacting the **EconomicsAmerica, WCEE** at:

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