

# Illinois Personal Finance Challenge

## TOOLS & RESOURCES



### Sample Tests:

**National Economics Challenge:** [www.councilforeconed.org/sample-tests](http://www.councilforeconed.org/sample-tests)  
*David Ricardo consumer economics practice tests & Critical thinking practice tests*

**Minnesota Council on Economic Education:**  
[www.mcee.umn.edu/students/personal-finance-decathlon/resources](http://www.mcee.umn.edu/students/personal-finance-decathlon/resources) *Sample Questions – Set 1, Quiz Bowl  
Sample Questions, Sample Case Study, & 2016 & 2017 State Competition Case Studies*

**Nebraska Council for Economic Education:** [financechallenge.unl.edu/Illinois/Nationals](http://financechallenge.unl.edu/Illinois/Nationals)  
*National Personal Finance Challenge handbook & Sample Case Study with Rubric*

### ONLINE Resources:

**NEW! Revised IL Social Science Learning Standards:** (K-12):  
[www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf) *pgs. 17 & 18*

**National Standards for Financial Literacy:** (K-12):  
[www.councilforeconed.org/resource/national-standards-for-financial-literacy](http://www.councilforeconed.org/resource/national-standards-for-financial-literacy)  
*Use the standards to build a financial literacy framework or a unit of study.*

**Personal Finance Flashcards** (6-12):  
[www.stlouisfed.org/education/flash-cards](http://www.stlouisfed.org/education/flash-cards)

**Council for Economic Education (CEE) Classroom Resources:** [www.councilforeconed.org](http://www.councilforeconed.org)

- **Webinars:** (K-12): [www.councilforeconed.org/webinars](http://www.councilforeconed.org/webinars) Variety of topics
- **EconEdLink:** (K-12): [www.econedlink.org](http://www.econedlink.org)  
Searchable classroom-tested, internet-based economic and personal finance lesson materials for K-12 teachers and their students. Includes *Teaching the News, This Day in Economic History, Calculators, Interactive Tools, Videos, and archived Webinars* that can be watched on demand.
- **Gen i Revolution:** (9-12): [www.councilforeconed.org/resources/gen-i-revolution](http://www.councilforeconed.org/resources/gen-i-revolution)  
This online game gives students the chance to learn important personal finance skills as they play and compete against fellow classmates. Interactive missions have students complete a variety of activities to help them learn important personal finance concepts. Combined with the [Learning, Earning and Investing® print materials](#) (*also found on the Virtual Economics Flashdrive*), the Gen i Revolution provides a comprehensive investor education program that students love.

NEW! Financial Literacy Certification Test ([Test alignment to Gen i Missions](#))

- **Online Assessment Center** (K-12): [www.councilforeconed.org/resources/online-assessment-center](http://www.councilforeconed.org/resources/online-assessment-center) - A free resource where teachers can securely administer assessments, gain real-time data, and measure student knowledge and understanding of personal finance and economics concepts. In four easy steps teachers can use this service to analyze the efficacy of their instruction and modify their approach.

**The Stock Market Game™ program** (4-12): [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org)  
**FREE** to Illinois Teachers! This excellent market simulation engages students in how the stock market works, through activity-based learning. A Teacher Support Center provides economic and personal finance lessons, activities, and projects across the curriculum to support your classroom unit.

**Federal Reserve Bank Resources** (K-12): [www.federalreserveeducation.org](http://www.federalreserveeducation.org)  
Equipping educators, educating students and empowering consumers. Searchable K-12+ resources.

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**Money Smart Week MS Essay Competition & Teacher Resources:** (6-8): [www.moneysmartweek.org](http://www.moneysmartweek.org)  
Regional essay competition for students to see if they are "Money Smart." Teacher Resources include videos.

**Navigate: Exploring College and Careers:** (6-12+): [www.dallasfed.org/educate/navigate.aspx](http://www.dallasfed.org/educate/navigate.aspx)  
Offered by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, this publication set introduces students to the investigation of careers and college. Interactive and graphically engaging, also examined are the costs and benefits associated with a variety of applicable life decisions. Teacher Guides and Student Workbooks can be ordered and shipped without cost.

**Money Math** (7-9+): [www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/tools/tools\\_moneymath.htm](http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/tools/tools_moneymath.htm)  
A four-lesson curriculum supplement for grades 7-9 math classes, providing real-life examples using personal finance concepts. Ideal for modification to support classroom use throughout high school, the engaging activities are free for teachers to download. This book is a teacher's guide with lesson plans, reproducible activity pages, and teaching tips.

**The Mint** (6-12): [www.themint.org](http://www.themint.org):  
Designed to help educators teach 6-12 graders how to manage money wisely.

**PwC Earn Your Future™ Digital Lab** (3-12): [app.pwcfdearnyourfuture.org](http://app.pwcfdearnyourfuture.org)  
Interactive curricula designed to empower young minds with financial and economic knowledge. A comprehensive financial literacy program designed to engage students with concepts through innovative self-paced modules featuring custom videos, animations, and interactive activities. Educators are supported with embedded student assessment tools and real-time feedback, educator guides, and module resource guides.

**COUNTRY Financial® Money Matters materials** (K-12): [www.countryfinancial.com](http://www.countryfinancial.com)  
Financial education materials that allow young people to make better-informed choices enabling them to pursue their goals. The activity-based materials are organized by grade level.

**Budget Challenge** (9-12): [hrblock.budgetchallenge.com](http://hrblock.budgetchallenge.com)  
Students have the opportunity to learn and practice many real-world money management skills: Paying bills, managing expenses, saving money, investing in retirement and more.

**Hands on Banking** (K-12): [handsonbanking.org](http://handsonbanking.org)

- [Educator resources](#) that include free instructor guides with classroom lessons and activities that help guide students through real-life scenarios and group discussions.
- [Personal Finance Resources](#)

### Organization Links:

**Econ Illinois (Illinois Council on Economic Education) -** [www.econillinois.org](http://www.econillinois.org)  
Support for teaching the new financial literacy standards through Inquiry. Also economic education programs, teacher awards program, professional development, curriculum support & resources, student competitions, teacher opportunities, and more.

**Missouri Council on Economic Education -** [missouri.councilforeconed.org/resources](http://missouri.councilforeconed.org/resources)  
Classroom lessons and teaching tools, organized by topic, that link to supporting lessons online from resources sites listed elsewhere on this Tools & Resources document. A convenient place to start!

**Council for Economic Education –** [www.councilforeconed.org](http://www.councilforeconed.org)  
CEE is the leading non-profit organization in the U.S. that focuses on personal finance and economic education for students K-12. By providing kids with the knowledge and vocabulary of money, CEE's national affiliated network provides the essential tools to create financial stability and opportunity for themselves, their families and their communities.

**Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago -** [www.chicagofed.org/education/index](http://www.chicagofed.org/education/index)  
This **Education** section of the bank's website offers good material on banking, finance, and economics. It also has [free publications](#) you can order online or by phone.

**Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis –** [www.stlouisfed.org/education](http://www.stlouisfed.org/education)  
This **Education** section has curriculum, online lessons, lending library, links to other resource sites and online courses for students (designed for use in K-12 and college classrooms).