



Dear Teacher:

Welcome - or Welcome Back to The Stock Market Game™ (SMG) program! We look forward to working with you to bring this exciting simulation to your students. If at any time you have questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact our office.

Registered teachers receive their administrative login ID and password immediately upon completion of the registration process. Student team IDs are assigned the following business night, no sooner than three weeks prior to the start of your session. If at any time after you register, you discover that the number of team ID's you've received does not match your needs, please contact our office at your earliest convenience. We can add new teams, or delete unused ones.

GETTING STARTED

Use your administrative ID to log in and access the *Teacher Support Center (TSC)* on the SMG website: <http://stockmarketgame.org>. You will want to bookmark this address. Your students will also log in to their accounts using this address. When they log in, they will find themselves on the Welcome Screen of their portfolio.

The TSC includes a teacher's guide, lessons and teaching resources, tutorials, rules (national and Illinois), and access to your student portfolios. **On the Rules page**, don't forget to click "**View Local Rules**" to become familiar with the special Illinois Rules, especially the *Minimum Stocks Rule*. Also, be sure to visit the list of resources available on the Econ Illinois web site: www.econed-il.org/icee/smg_res.shtml.

TEACHER TRAINING

Onsite and on-line Webinar trainings for the SMG program are available throughout the school year. For a list of upcoming SMG training sessions, visit: www.econed-il.org/icee/smg_training.shtml.

INVEST WRITE

Invest *Write*, a teacher-designed national writing competition is the perfect culminating activity to reinforce the concepts learned in the classroom through the SMG program. Ten prizes are awarded in each of three grade-level competitions at the national level. Prizes include laptops, trips, trophies, gift cards and classroom parties! Participating in Invest *Write* is easy! Log on today to learn how you can challenge your students' critical thinking skills: www.investwrite.info.

Econ Illinois is pleased to bring you this educational program, complete with a full curriculum library and an engaging simulation. Please contact us any time we can be of assistance. Best wishes in "the game."

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