2019 American Dream Corporate Sponsorship Brochure

Proudly serving Illinois since 1951!
Here’s what we do:

Econ Illinois is a 501(c)3 focusing on building a foundational core comprised of basic economic concepts and financial literacy education. This foundational core is grounded in Constructivism, an educational practice emphasizing hands-on learning.

Historically, our core services targeted K-12 educators and students. We are expanding our services to reach broader audiences and cover the entire educational journey from preschool through transitions to the workforce.

Our foundational core aims towards encouraging intelligent decision making in Illinoisans. This core is comprised of:

- **Financial Literacy**
- **Basic Economics Concepts**

This core helps individuals practice better money habits that can empower economic mobility while reducing barriers to economic success.

Intelligent decision making can help individuals strive towards becoming both economically and financially independent.
Last year in Illinois:

- 23,926 students participated in our signature programs
- 3,888 teachers and individuals attended our presentations, workshops, and professional development sessions
- 58 counties were visited throughout the state

Help us reach our goal of connecting with every teacher and student in Illinois. We’re getting there but still have a lot of work to do.
Our signature programs include:

**Stock Market Game™**

20,706 students representing 319 schools participated during the 2017-2018 school year.

Nearly 700,000 students have participated since 1988!

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**Economics Concepts Poster Contest**

2,244 entries representing 39 schools were submitted through our four regional competitions.

More than 40,000 students have participated over the past 25 years!

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**High School Competitions**

Roughly 1,420 students participated in team-based competitions.

The Top 10 scoring teams throughout Illinois advance to the state finals. The Illinois State Champion represents our state at nationals.
Overview of Signature Programs:

SMG is an online education program used in thousands of grade 4-12 classrooms nationwide to teach the importance of long-term saving and investing. Student teams work together to research and evaluate stocks, bonds, and mutual funds as they build and manage a simulated investment portfolio.

Economics Concepts Poster Contest is a curriculum-based art program designed to challenge students in grades 1-8 to use their imaginations and creativities to visualize an economic or financial literacy concept and turn it into a colorful illustration. Regional and state winners are chosen each year from 5 regional competitions.

The statewide competition is designed to challenge advance-placement and honors economics students in their comprehension and application of economic concepts and skills. Student teams compete in a preliminary online test and the top teams advance to the state competition. The winning team advances to the national semi-finals and, hopefully, the national finals.

The statewide competition challenges middle and high school students to demonstrate their understanding and application of personal finance content. Student teams compete in a preliminary online test and the top teams advance to the state competition. The first place team from Illinois represents the state at the national Personal Finance Challenge.
Here’s how you can help!

Support our annual fundraising dinner

The American Dream Dinner

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Union League Club, Chicago
Event begins at 5:00 p.m.
# American Dream Sponsor Packages

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