



# Will you accept the challenge?

Four-person high school student teams compete against each other in a quiz-show-style contest that tests individual and team knowledge! This year's competition is scheduled for **May 8** in Montpelier. The deadline to enter the 2015 challenge is **April 6**.

# Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge

**WIN THE VERMONT TITLE AND HOST THE GOLD TRAVELING CUP!**

The State Treasurer's Office holds the yearly competition to promote student interest in and knowledge of personal finance, economics, and consumer affairs topics. Our partners -- TD Bank, Vermont Jump\$tart and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation -- help make the competition successful. Students on the winning team each receive a \$500 college savings account; second place winning team members each receive a \$250 college savings account; individual trophies are awarded for 1st-3rd place; and the Challenge champion wins the right for their school to display the large gold traveling trophy for one year!



**2014 Challenge Champions**

## Congratulations to South Burlington High School!

The South Burlington High School team accepted their awards from State Treasurer Beth Pearce. Pictured at left with the State Treasurer are (l to r) Sara Ruch, Charlotte Mills, math teacher and coach Eric Stone, Ben Jewkes and Phil Holt.

## \$3,000 First Prize!

Students on the first place team each win a \$500 college savings account. With a six-person team, the Grand Prize is \$3,000.

## SCHOOLS THAT HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE CHALLENGE:

- Bellows Free Academy
- Burlington High School
- Essex High School
- Fair Haven Union HS
- Green Mtn. Tech & Career Ctr.
- Harwood Union High School
- Lamoille Union High School
- Lyndon Institute
- Mill River Union High School
- Missisquoi Valley Union HS
- Montpelier High School
- Mt. Mansfield Union HS
- North County Union HS & CC
- River Valley Tech Center
- South Burlington High School
- Southwest VT Career Dev. Ctr.
- St. Johnsbury Academy
- Stafford Technical Center
- U32 High School
- Vergennes Union High School
- Windsor High School

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## Supporting Partners:

Go to: [MoneyEd.Vermont.gov](http://MoneyEd.Vermont.gov) for a registration form.



## How the competition works:

High school teams are comprised of four students in grades 9-12. Teams also are permitted to have as many as two alternates. The tournament follows a bracketed, double-elimination format. At the start of the competition, the initial head-to-head matchup between schools are assigned through random drawing. Once a team loses, that team drops to the losers bracket. The very first time a team competes, students will participate in a round robin format where each student is challenged on their personal knowledge. After the first match, and first consolation match of the tournament, match questions switch to team questions. There is a lightning round in each match whereby any student may buzz in to give the correct answer. Each match is organized as follows:

- **Round 1: Personal Finance**, each team gets four questions; correct answers-5 pts. each
- **Round 2: Economics**, each team gets four questions; correct answers-5 pts. each
- **Round 3: Lightning Round**, open-ended topics that include consumer-related questions, teams compete directly against each other in a timed event, correct answers-10 pts each; incorrect answers result in the loss of 10 pts for the team

The championship round is played the same as the initial match, utilizing a round robin format.

## Fun educational event!



## Two competition rooms



## Teachers & students dine at the State House



Individual trophies are awarded to each student on teams placing 1st-3rd.



Competing students are entered in day-of drawing for a popular technology item such as a new iPad.



South Burlington HS placed second and each student received a \$250 college savings account from VHEIP.