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**Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce to Host Wisconsin Statewide National Civics Bee® Competition**

Eau Claire, WI — April 30, 2026 — The Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the Wisconsin Statewide National Civics Bee® Competition, welcoming 20 exceptional middle school student finalists from across Wisconsin to Eau Claire.

The event will take place on May 9, 2026, at South Middle School from 9a.m.-11a.m., where students will compete in a live quiz-style competition and present their ideas for improving their communities. 20 finalists were selected through a competitive essay process that covered topics such as mental health, bullying, sustainability, rural healthcare and healthcare equality, AI, and more. The top three will receive cash prizes and the statewide champion will move on to compete in the national round of the National Civics Bee® as a representative of Wisconsin.

The National Civics Bee®, an initiative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, promotes civic knowledge, engagement, and responsibility among young Americans. Its aim is to encourage young people in their passion for civic involvement.

Members of the media, as well as community leaders and local organizations are invited to attend and support these outstanding students. The event provides a unique opportunity to witness civic learning in action and engage with the next generation of community-minded leaders.

**Event Details:**

- **What:** Wisconsin's National Civics Bee® Statewide Competition
- **When:** May 9, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Where:** South Middle School, 2115 Mitscher Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701
- **Who:** 20 student finalists from across Wisconsin

The event is open to the public. Media are encouraged to attend and may coordinate interviews with student participants and event organizers.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Erica Bodden at [Bodden@eauclaيرهamber.org](mailto:Bodden@eauclaيرهamber.org).