

The Budgeting in 2025:

PLAN, SAVE, THRIVE CONTEST

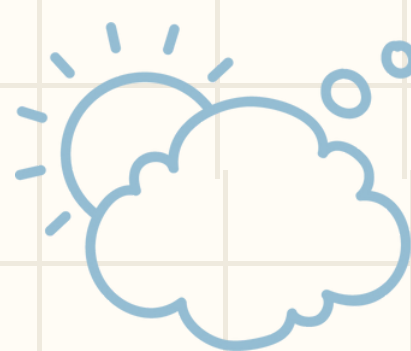
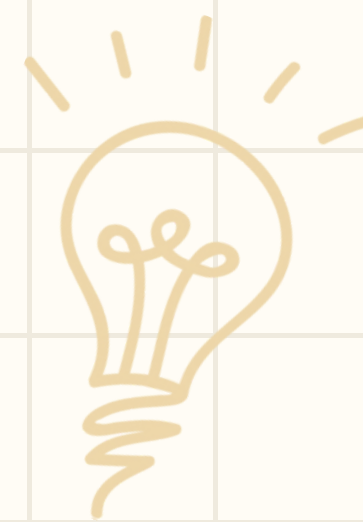
- Open to all NC Students (K-12)
- Win Prizes, Awards, and Recognition
- Statewide Awards Ceremony

CATEGORIES:

Essay	Max 500 words for grades K-5/ Max 750 words for grades 6-12
Visual Art	Drawing, painting or digital illustration
Video	Solo or group of up to three students (30 to 90 seconds)
Infographic /Poster	Hand-drawn or digital
Creative Writing	Poem, short story or rap lyrics

PROMPTS:

- How can budgeting help you reach your goals?
- What does a "smart budget" look like in your family or community?
- Imagine your life in 10 years – how did budgeting get you there?
- Why is budgeting more important than ever in 2025?
- What's something people misunderstand about budgeting?



TIMELINE:

Contest Launch

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025



Submission Deadline

DECEMBER 19, 2025



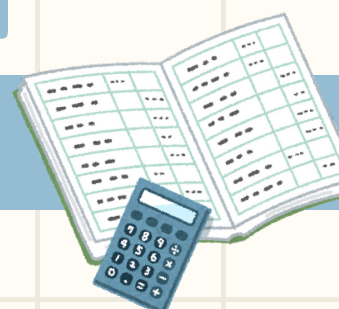
Statewide Judging

JANUARY 2026



Winners Announced

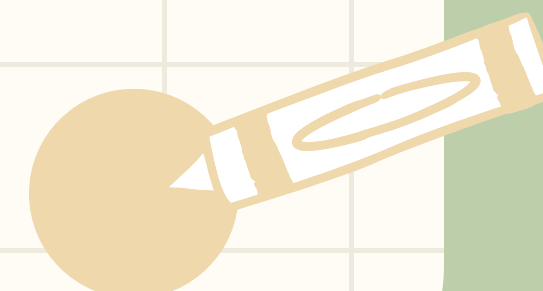
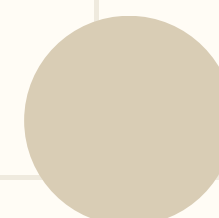
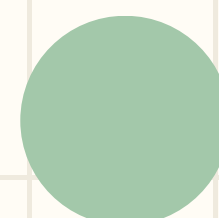
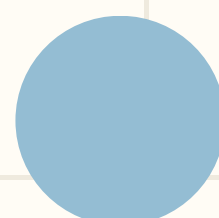
FEBRUARY 2026



RULES:

- Only one submission per student.
- Parental permission is required.
- Use a Gmail account to log in and access the submission form.
- View the Disclaimer and Official Rules online at flc.nc.gov

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