

FinLit300 Financial Capability Challenge
New Hampshire Jump\$tart
Jump\$tart State Coalition Cool Ideas

Each year, the New Hampshire Jump\$tart Coalition sponsors the FinLit300 Financial Capability Challenge, which tasks high school students with applying their classroom-based financial education in a contest of knowledge and skills based on the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education. The FinLit300 contest has been around since 2014. (Previously, the NH J\$ Coalition had sponsored LifeSmarts for 13 years.)

The FinLit300 Challenge has two components: the Online Competition and the Live State Championship event. For the Online Competition, each school must have one coach who will proctor the contest to ensure fair play. There is no limit to the number of players a coach involves during the Online Competition. The Online Competition is available for about four months from November to the following March.

During the Online Competition, students will be asked to answer 30 questions, with varying levels of difficulty. Students will have 30 minutes to complete the Online Competition (while proctored by a coach). Following Round 1, the six highest scoring schools will be invited to compete at the in-person FinLit300 State Championship.

Students will be asked to answer questions in each “Standards” Category including: Spending and Saving; Credit and Debt; Employment and Income & Investing; Risk Management and Insurance; and Financial Decision Making.

PRIZES. Every student participant will receive a certificate of participation. Qualifying team members selected to go to the State Championship event will receive a FinLit300 t-shirt. Each of the winning team members from the State Championship event will each receive a \$100 VISA gift card. Additionally, the winning coach/coaches will receive a free registration to the National Jump\$tart Teacher Conference in November of that year

How it Works

- Coaches must first register through an online registration form located on the FinLit300 webpage. At registration, they will be asked to select at least six student participants (four players and two alternatives).
- The Coach will be given a code that their students can use when they are ready to take the Online Competition. They can begin the Competition over two semesters between November and March of the following year.
- The NH Jump\$tart Coalition program administrator will determine which school/program will qualify for the State Championship in April. The qualifying score is determined by averaging the top (6) scoring members of each team, no matter the number of students on each team. The six highest scoring teams will be invited to the State Championship.

For more information, visit <https://nhjumpstart.org/finlit300/>.



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