



Notes from the LifeSmarts Team
LifeSmarts Alumni Monthly Update, November 13, 2025

Dear LifeSmarts Alum,

As we enter this season of gratitude, we're especially thankful for our LifeSmarts alumni and the lasting impact you've made. In this month's newsletter, we're highlighting ways you can give back—whether by volunteering with your state program, supporting the National LifeSmarts Championship, or by making a donation. With Giving Tuesday approaching, we invite you to help empower the next generation of LifeSmarts students.

Program Updates:

1. **[State Competitions Begin Soon](#)**: LifeSmarts State Championships are right around the corner! Stay involved by volunteering with your state coordinator as a scorekeeper, timekeeper, buzzer operator, or even as an expert judge!
 - a. [Click here](#) to find your state's championship dates and contact information for your State Coordinator to learn how you can help.

2. **[Alumni Room Scholarship Applications are Open](#)**: We're excited to share that eight *Alumni Hotel Room Scholarships* will be available for the 2026 National LifeSmarts Championship in Orlando, FL, April 15–18! Don't miss this chance to reconnect with fellow alumni and be part of the action.
 - a. Applications close **December 15 at midnight, but** don't wait, submit yours today!
 - b. This year's application includes a short essay on what you learned about personal finance through LifeSmarts and how it has helped you since graduating high school.

3. **[Consider LifeSmarts on this #GivingTuesday](#)**: This year, you can support LifeSmarts Teams directly, including your own state's champion team, just [select your state](#) from a drop-down menu. Funds designated for a state program will go directly to that state's champion team.
 - a. You can also donate to scholarships, teams in need of travel assistance, the National Championship, or the general fund that keeps our program thriving.
 - b. No donation is too small; even \$5 can go a long way.

Thank you for staying connected with LifeSmarts! We hope you'll continue to stay involved and support the next generation of students. Your ongoing involvement and contributions help ensure LifeSmarts remains a place where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena Robertson".

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