



LifeSmarts

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Notes from the LifeSmarts Team LifeSmarts Alumni Monthly Update, December 4, 2025

Dear LifeSmarts Alum,

As we close out the year, LifeSmarts is heading into one of its most exciting seasons yet. Participation is growing, students are preparing for state championships, and alumni and partners are engaging in new ways. We're grateful for your continued support and wanted to share a few updates as we look ahead to 2026.

Program Updates:

- 1. LifeSmarts Continues to Grow:** Thanks to our official partnerships, LifeSmarts is experiencing significant growth in participation nationwide. With more students and teams engaging than ever before, we anticipate a record number of states represented at this year's National LifeSmarts Championship.
- 2. The [LifeSmarts Engagement Advisory Panel \(LEAP\)](#),** our student advisory group of exceptional leaders from across the program, is already hard at work preparing for the 2026 National LifeSmarts Championship. This year's LEAP members are lending their voices to event planning, shaping student activities, and supporting outreach to teams attending Nationals for the first time. They will continue to play a key role throughout the competition: mentoring peers, facilitating activities, and helping ensure that every participant feels welcomed, supported, and engaged.
- 3. [REMINDER: Alumni Room Scholarship Applications are DUE:](#)** Don't forget! **Applications are still open for the eight Alumni Hotel Room Scholarships** for the 2026 National LifeSmarts Championship in Orlando, FL, April 15–18! This is a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and join the action.
 - a. Applications close **December 15 at Midnight EST****
 - b. Pro Tip:** Have your 250-word essay on what you learned about Personal Finance in LifeSmarts ready **before** starting the application.
- 4. [End of Year Support:](#)** As the program year wraps up, even small contributions can make a meaningful difference. As participation grows each year, expenses for competitions, student travel, and hotels also rise. Your donation helps LifeSmarts remain completely free, helping cover travel and hotel costs for teams, and ensuring that all teams can participate. Together, your modest gifts can make a big impact.



*LEAP Members at the 2025
National LifeSmarts Championship*

Thank you for staying connected with LifeSmarts! We hope you'll continue to be part of our community and support the next generation of students. Your involvement and contributions ensure that LifeSmarts remains a place where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Best regards,

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