

**Community Partnership Opportunities**

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# About Us



The Cincinnati Ethics Center, housed at the University of Cincinnati, serves as a regional hub for ethical inquiry, civic dialogue, and community engagement. Founded to foster thoughtful discussion around real-world moral challenges, the Center brings together students, educators, professionals, and community leaders through programs designed to strengthen ethical reasoning, respectful dialogue, and collaborative problem-solving.

Through a growing portfolio of educational and public-facing initiatives, the Center works to make ethics education accessible, engaging, and relevant to everyday life. From classroom partnerships and community programming to innovative educational games and workshops, the Cincinnati Ethics Center is helping develop the next generation of thoughtful leaders and engaged citizens.

Among the Center's signature initiatives is the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl, which in just four years has grown into one of the largest regional high school Ethics Bowl competitions in the nation. Unlike traditional debate, Ethics Bowl challenges students to analyze complex ethical issues collaboratively, consider multiple perspectives, and engage in civil discourse grounded in respect and critical thinking. The program equips students with practical skills they can carry throughout their lives, including thoughtful communication, ethical decision-making, collaborative problem-solving, and the ability to engage respectfully with differing viewpoints.

As participation and regional interest continue to expand, additional community and corporate support has become essential to sustaining the event's growth and long-term impact. Contributions help offset operational costs, expand student access, strengthen the overall competition experience, and ensure the Cincinnati region can continue providing a nationally recognized Ethics Bowl program for years to come.



# A Growing Community of Ethical Thinkers

What began with just 5 schools and 8 teams has rapidly grown over the past four years. Since its launch, the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl has welcomed 27 schools from across the region, culminating in a record-breaking 34-team competition in 2026.

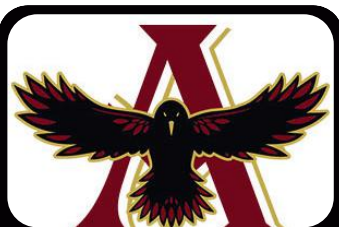


A pre-competition group photo has become an annual tradition of the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl.

Together, these photos showcase the event's continued growth and the expanding community of student ethical thinkers across the region.

# Where Different Schools Meet Through Ethics

From public, private, magnet, vocational, independent schools, and community organizations the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl welcomes students from a wide range of educational communities across the region. The following pages highlight schools that have participated in the competition over the past four years.



**Atherton**  
Louisville, KY



**Beechwood**  
Independent



**Boys and Girls Club**  
West Chester



**ButlerTech**



**Clark Montessori**



**DePaul Cristo Rey**



**Dublin Jerome**  
Dublin, OH



**duPont Manual**  
Louisville, KY



**Gamble Montessori**



**Gilbert A. Dater**



**Hughes**



**Mariemont**



**Mt. Healthy**



**North College Hill**



**Purcell Marian**



**Roger Bacon**



Scarlet Oaks



Shroder



Simon Kenton



Spencer Center



St. Henry



St. Xavier



St. Ursula Academy



Summit Country Day



Walnut Hills



Western Hills University



William Mason

*Includes schools unable to attend the 2026 competition due to severe winter weather*





# About The Event

The Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl brings together students from diverse schools and backgrounds for thoughtful, collaborative discussions on real-world ethical issues. Rather than debating to “win,” students are challenged to analyze complex topics, consider multiple perspectives, and engage in respectful dialogue while strengthening critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills.

Held annually on the weekend following the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the competition is being intentionally developed as a lasting regional tradition for schools, educators, and volunteers.

The Cincinnati Ethics Center provides the foundational support that makes the program possible, funding staff, paid student interns, and educational materials that helps schools prepare for competition throughout the year.

Sponsorship support helps cover the operational costs of the competition, including facility operations, meals, event t-shirts, printed materials, nametags, and other resources that support a professional and welcoming event experience.

## Event Progression

**January 2023:** Inaugural Greater Cincinnati Regional Ethics Bowl competition is held at the Carl H. Lindner College of Business. Eight teams from five schools participated.

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**January 2024:** 2nd Annual Greater Cincinnati Regional takes place. 20 teams from 14 public and private schools competed catapulting our regional to the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the country. St. Xavier High School advances to the National Championship, placing 14<sup>th</sup> overall.

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**January 2025:** 3rd Annual Greater Cincinnati Regional becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in country with 33 teams from 19 public, private, and vocational schools from OH and KY. Due to growth competition is expanded to two days and earns two berths to the divisional rounds. Mariemont High School advances to National Championship and places 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

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**January 2026:** 4th Annual Greater Cincinnati Regional becomes the largest in country with 40 teams from 24 schools scheduled to compete. Event expands into two buildings; adding the Klekamp College of Law. For second year earns two berths to divisional rounds.

# Historical Operational Cost

Items	2023	2024	2025	2026
Bearcat Philosopher Costume		135.81		
Coaches Grants		14,000.00	13,000.00	10,000.00
Competition Supplies	2,115.58	2,050.82	723.84	1,573.98
Event Logo	685.97			
Meals	2,604.40	13,967.21	8,004.60	5,846.20
Nametags/Lanyards	1,640.75	1,334.13		2,150.33
Participant Parking	204.00	70.00	1,500.00	407.00
Photographer/Videographer	1,000.00		2900.00	2,900.00
Promotional Video		1,565.00		
Participant T-shirts	2,783.31	3,781.55	4,639.78	3,540.03
Staff Support	20,450.00	21,034.00	21,645.00	22,254.00
Team Travel Stipend		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Trophies	1,029.00	1,034.00	1,034.00	1,034.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$32,513.01</b>	<b>\$62,972.52</b>	<b>\$57,447.22</b>	<b>\$49,705.54</b>

# Competition Season

SEPT

## Cases Released-Schools Prepare

Around Labor Day, The National High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB) headquarters releases the regional case set and schools begin preparing for the competition.

SAT  
JAN

## Preliminary Rounds

Teams will engage in four rounds of thoughtful, structured discussions on complex ethical dilemmas. Students will collaborate to analyze scenarios and present reasoned arguments, emphasizing moral reasoning over competition. The goal is to foster respectful dialogue, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of diverse ethical perspectives. Teams will be evaluated on their ability to present well-supported viewpoints, respond thoughtfully to opposing arguments, and demonstrate ethical awareness, preparing them for future rounds.

SUN  
JAN

## Finals Rounds

Based on their overall scores from the preliminaries, top 8 schools will return to compete in the Great Eight, Final Four, and finals. Trophies are awarded to the top four teams. Winner(s) advance to the Divisional Playoffs

FEB

## Divisional Playoffs

The Cincinnati Ethics Center was selected to host the Northeastern Divisional Playoffs, a virtual postseason competition bringing together regional champions from across the northeastern United States to compete for advancement to the National Championship.

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## National Championships

Should the Greater Cincinnati Regional champion advance from the Northeastern Divisional Playoffs, they will earn a berth to the National Championship hosted at the Parr Center on the campus of UNC Charlotte. To help ensure participating students can take advantage of this opportunity, the Cincinnati Ethics Center provides travel support of up to \$500 per person, not to exceed \$4,000 per advancing Greater Cincinnati school.



# Benefits for Sponsors

Sponsoring the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl offers local businesses a unique opportunity to support their community while gaining several key benefits, including:

## Community Engagement and Positive Branding

Contribute to the critical thinking, problem-solving, and ethical awareness of young people, helping to cultivate a responsible and thoughtful future workforce.

## Youth Development and Future Workforce

Enhances the business' reputation by demonstrating commitment to education and ethical development, fostering goodwill among customers and the local community.

## Employee Engagement Opportunities:

In addition to financial support, the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl relies on volunteers from across the business, legal, education, and nonprofit communities. Sponsors are encouraged to engage employees as judges, moderators, and room assistants, providing meaningful opportunities for professional service and community engagement while helping students experience thoughtful and respectful dialogue with adults from diverse professional backgrounds.

## Networking and Exposure

Enjoy increased visibility through event promotions, reaching parents, educators, students, and other community members, potentially leading to new customer relationships and partnerships.

## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):

Fulfill your CSR goals by investing in the development of local students and promoting ethical discourse, aligning with values that attract ethically conscious consumers.

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

*More than 300 students, coaches, judges, volunteers, and guests participate in competition weekend activities annually.*

Sponsorship levels reflect the progression of competition from the regional stage through national advancement, while offering increasing visibility and engagement opportunities.

## NATIONAL \$25,000

*(One Available)*

*The competition's premier sponsorship level, supporting the continued growth and long-term success of the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl.*

- Name featured alongside the event title
- Logo on Championship Trophy
- Logo on Cincinnati Ethics Center homepage
- Logo on Ethics Bowl event webpage
- Logo on participant t-shirts sleeve
- Logo included in volunteer recruitment email campaigns
- Exclusive recognition on Lindner Legacy digital display on Saturday
- Premier recognition on competition digital displays
- Invitation to give remarks during opening ceremony
- Invitation to participate in awards ceremony
- Social media recognition
- Inclusion in post-event communications

## DIVISIONAL \$10,000

*(Five Available)*

*Supports the event's educational initiatives by funding team preparation, volunteer training and competition materials*

- Logo on Cincinnati Ethics Center homepage
- Logo on Ethics Bowl event webpage
- Logo included in volunteer recruitment email campaigns
- Featured recognition on competition digital displays
- Social media recognition
- Inclusion in post-event communications

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## REGIONAL \$5,000

*(Ten Available)*

*Supports the operational needs of the competition weekend while helping create a professional and welcoming experience for participating students, coaches, and volunteers.*

- Logo on Ethics Bowl event webpage
- Logo included in volunteer recruitment email campaigns
- Standard recognition on competition digital displays
- Social media recognition
- Inclusion in post-event communications

## TEAM \$1,000

*Unlimited*

*Funds the Coaches Grant, a \$1,000 stipend to new teachers coaching an ethics bowl team. Helps offset time and resources used.*

- Name only on Ethics Bowl event webpage
- Name only recognition on competition digital displays
- Social media recognition
- Inclusion in post-event communications

*Customized sponsorship opportunities are available.*

## Interested in supporting the next generation of ethical leaders?

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