

Barrier Breakers

A FINANCIAL HEALTH INNOVATION COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

March 20, 2026 - Kent State University - \$20,000+ in Prizes

The Challenge

Teams of 1-3 students choose a real barrier to financial health - transportation costs, housing affordability, healthcare access, financial literacy, or a local issue - then research it and build a solution. Any format works: app prototype, policy proposal, video, curriculum, or community program.

Three Ways to Compete

For Teachers & Administrators

Timeline

Prizes

Demo Day 1st Place: \$2,500 cash + \$2,500 Kent State scholarship + school grant. 2nd-5th place receive \$500-\$1,500 cash plus matching scholarships. Innovation Gallery and Knowledge Track prizes also available.

Ready to apply?