Fiscal Challenge Judging Rubric

Criteria	5–4	3–2	1
Understanding of the current fiscal situation	Always presents accurate information, and demonstrates thorough understanding of the associated concepts. Excellent responses to judges' questions.	Shows a rudimentary knowledge of the facts, and a basic understanding of the associated concepts. Provides adequate answers to judges' questions.	Misstates facts about the current fiscal situation, and displays a poor understanding of the associated concepts. Incorrect and/or incomplete answers to judges' questions.
Depth & breadth of analysis **(Primary = budget and economic consequences. Secondary = legislative practicality.)**	Uses advanced economic modeling to reinforce proposal. Addresses all, both primary and secondary, of the important issues.	Properly uses basic economic concepts to support policy recommendations. Addresses most of the important issues.	Lacks clear economic reasoning behind policy recommendations. Does not address all of the important issues.
Creativity	Presents a novel way to augment in size and/or composition currently proposed budget plans.	Alters slightly the components or magnitude of previously proposed budget plans.	Simply rehashes a previously proposed budget plan.
Presentation & teamwork	Audio-visual components (PowerPoint slides, etc.) were polished and integrated properly. Each team member contributed to the oral presentation in a convincing fashion.	Audio-visual components only contained slight errors. A majority of team members contributed to the oral presentation.	Audio-visual components appear sloppy and figures are difficult to read. The oral presentation is primarily done by a sole team member, while others contribute very little.