

Founders' Vision for America: Student Essay Contest 2019-2020

Topic: Alexander Hamilton

Rules and Regulations

Effective date: October 2, 2019 at 12:01 am CST

Deadline: March 2, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST

Section I: General rules

Between October 2, 2019 at 12:01 am CST and March 2, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST (the "Contest Period") the Center for the Study of the American Constitution will conduct an essay contest in the state of Wisconsin for students enrolled in grades 9 to 12 focusing on the topic of Alexander Hamilton's vision for America. Students who wish to compete must meet the eligibility requirements (section II) and follow the submission guidelines (section III).

Entries in .pdf or .doc format must be sent in via email to csaccessaycontest@history.wisc.edu by **11:59 p.m. CST on March 2, 2020 (Monday)** along with a completed copyright permission and release form (section VI).

Section II: Eligibility criteria

This contest is open to only residents of Wisconsin who are in grades 9 to 12, attending public, private, religious, or charter schools, or are enrolled in a GED or correspondence school program, or are attending a home school program.

Essays must be original and created by an individual student. Only one entry is allowed for each student. Student must have a faculty member (no pre-service teachers) recommend the student. One teacher can only recommend a maximum of 5 students from their school.

All students who enter the competition must complete a permission and release form (Section VI) and include the form with their essay at the time of submission. Students under the age 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the permission and release form.

Section III: Essay submission guidelines

Essay must include a cover page with student's name, student's email address, name and mailing address of school, student's grade level, and recommending teacher's name, email, department, and signature.

Essay must be between 500-1000 words--not including name, title, and citations.

Essay must be written in Times New Roman font, size 12, and be double spaced. Margins must be 1" top, bottom, and sides.

Essay must be written in English.

Essay must include primary source quotations (with citations).

Chicago style citations preferable.

Essay must be submitted online in .pdf or .doc format to csaccessaycontest@history.wisc.edu by 11:59 p.m. CST on March 2, 2020 (Monday).

Only final submissions will be considered--no consideration will be given to rough drafts/ proposals/ clarifications.

Failure to comply with these rules will lead to essay being disqualified from the contest.

Section IV: Judging and announcement

Entries will be judged based on originality, clarity, writing style, factual accuracy, depth of analysis, and quality of reference work and citation. Essays should focus on and analyze a particular Founder's views on the critical issues of their generation, including:

- the reasons for and struggles during the American Revolution
- the consequences of independence
- the cultivation and preservation of a republican form of government
- the difficulties of constitution-making at the state and national levels
- the creation of an American citizenry
- and the future greatness of America.

For the 2019-2020 essay contest, students must write about Alexander Hamilton and his vision for America – his thoughts on the critical issues of his generation as outlined above.

Plagiarized content will be disqualified based on the sole discretion of the judges selected by the Center for the Study of the American Constitution. By submitting an entry in this contest, the contestants agree to abide by the rules and guidelines laid out in this document. All decisions made by the organizers and judges regarding this contest will be final and binding on the contestants.

Notification of Winning Entry:

The student winners of the competition will be notified by email no later than the second week of April 2020. The student's school will also be notified by email no later than the second week of April 2020.

Section V: Awards

The prizes for winning essays are as follows:

Winner: One winning student will receive \$2,000. The student's school will also receive \$2,000 and the student's recommending teacher will receive portfolios of printed broadsides and ratification maps.

First runner up: One student will receive \$1,000. The student's school will also receive \$1,000 and the student's recommending teacher will receive portfolios of printed broadsides and ratification maps.

Second runner up: One student will receive \$500. The student's school will also receive \$500 and the student's recommending teacher will receive portfolios of printed broadsides and ratification maps.

The winning essays will be posted on the Center for the Study of the American Constitution's website.

Section VI: Release and Copyright Permission Agreement

I, _____, am submitting an essay titled _____ to the Founders’ Vision for America: Student Essay Contest. By submitting this electronic entry form and the identified essay for consideration in the Founders’ Vision for America: Student Essay Contest, I acknowledge, warrant and agree as follows:

1. I have read, understood, and complied with all eligibility requirements for this essay competition.
2. To the best of my knowledge, all of the personal information I am required to submit with this essay is true and accurate.
3. All decisions of the Founders’ Vision for America: Student Essay Contest organizers are final.
4. Should the essay I submitted be selected for a Founders’ Vision for America: Student Essay Contest award, I will supply the appropriate identification information required to receive any monetary award payment.

Likeness and Image Release:

I grant the University of Wisconsin-Madison (“University”) the right to publish and share my name, image and likeness, and biographical information in association with the competition. I grant the University and producers of its educational and promotional materials the unrestricted right and permission to use, publish, and copyright my image (including audio, moving, or digitized image, or to photograph) in any of its printed publications, audiovisual presentations, and/or online presentations, that are used in furtherance of its educational mission, or for advertising and promotion of the Founders’ Vision for America: Student Essay Contest’s activities. I do not claim any rights in the materials containing my image or likeness and understand that no remuneration or consideration for the use of my image or likeness will be received. I waive any right of approval or inspection with respect to the University’s use of my likeness or image.

Copyright Permission:

As the creator and author of the submitted essay (the “Work”), I grant the University the non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license to reproduce, promote, use and display the Work worldwide in all media formats. Any University use shall include attribution to me as the author. I warrant and represent that I solely created the Work and that I own all rights, title and interest in the Work and all intellectual property rights protecting it. I understand that no remuneration or consideration for use of the Work will be received other than if I am selected for an award in the competition. I retain all other rights in and to the Work, including copyright. I waive any right of approval or inspection with respect to the University’s use of my essay. I release the University from any claims and demands arising out of the use of the Work or my image and likeness, including without limitation any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. I further certify that I have read and understand the contents of this document and am of full legal capacity or have a parent/guardian authorization to execute the forgoing release and permission. This permission and release shall be binding on me, my heirs, and my legal representatives and assigns.

Signed: _____

Student Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

Additional parent/guardian signature if student is under 18:

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Date: _____