

United States Constitution Day Contest
Sponsored by the Harford County Republican Women
2023 Theme: Principles of the Constitution

Who can participate: Contestants may be enrolled in any public, private, or home school program within Harford County.

No entry fees.

Two divisions: Middle (grades 6-8), High School (grades 9-12)

Only one entry per person.

Contest due date:

Entry Guidelines

All entries must comply with the following contest rules:

- The Principles of the US Constitution referred to are included in the guideline
- Each entry must reflect the contestant's own research, writing and original thinking.
- Each contestant must complete and attach a student information cover page to include; name, school attended, grade, address/e-mail (if applicable) and phone number. Also include on that cover page a statement that the applicant acknowledges permission for the entry to be included on the HCRW website and to be sent to local media or displayed in county or legislative building. Name is only on the cover page
- Written entries must be typed.
- The title page and bibliography are not included in the page count
- Art may be in any medium, and must be original work.
- Video entries must be less than 5 minutes in length, posted to YouTube and the link to the YouTube post must be emailed to hcrwgroup@gmail.com by Monday, October 23, 2023.
- Art / Video entries must include a description and how you came up with the concept and design
- References used, should be clearly identified and are not part of the word count.
- Each Division has the guidelines spelled out at top of the page

Principles of the US Constitution

1. Popular Sovereignty – Who gives the government its power
2. Rule of Law (also known as Limited Government)
3. Separation of Powers – How is power divided
4. Checks and Balances – How is abuse of power prevented
5. Individual Rights – How are personal freedoms protected
6. Federalism - How is power shared between the federal government and the states
7. Republicanism.

Awards

Winners will share \$1,100 in Prize money.

Middle School winner will receive \$350.

High School winner will receive \$750.

Submission Information:

Send one copy to: hcrwgroup@gmail.com

Upon receipt of the email, you will receive a confirmation of receipt. If artwork, please send e-picture of the artwork and we will make arrangements to pick up the artwork if not mailable.

Send the physical copy to: Harford County Republican Women, Constitution Day Contest, P.O. Box 1473, Bel Air, MD 21014

Entrants assume the right of HCRW to reprint essays, videos or artwork and use them in educational workshops, with appropriate citation given to the author.

Judging Criteria:

1. Each grade will be judged separately by a panel of judges following the rubric for each.
2. The message about the Constitution should be clear.
3. All contest rules must be followed.

Awards Presentation of Winners:

Harford County Republican Women's Club will host a luncheon for the winners and their parents (2), November 18, 2023. Other family and friends are welcomed to attend.

Middle School (Grade 6, 7, 8)
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All entries must have a cover sheet with the student’s name, school, grade, address, and phone number. **NO identifying information should be on any page other than the cover sheet**

Choose One of the Principles of the Constitution and do artwork, or video or a 500-750 word essay, on what that Principle means and why it is important to American society.

1. Each contestant must complete and attach a student information cover page to include; name, school attending, grade, address/e-mail (can be parent’s email) and phone number. Also include on that cover page a statement that the applicant acknowledges permission for the entry to be included on the HCRW website and to be sent to local media or displayed in county or legislative building. Name is only on the cover page. State which Principle used.
2. Art may be in any medium, and must be original work.
3. Video entries must be less than 5 minutes in length, posted to YouTube and the link to the YouTube post must be emailed to hcrwgroup@gmail.com by Monday, October 23, 2023.
4. Art / Video entries must include a written description and how you came up with the concept and design
5. Essay is at least 500 words and conform to the following guidelines
 - a. Use 8.5” x 11” paper size, typed, double-spaced, 1-inch margins (left, right, top, bottom)
 - b. Arial or Times New Roman font size 11 or 12
 - c. Page number on each page after the cover sheet
 - d. **NO identifying information should be on any page other than the cover sheet.**
6. References used, should be clearly identified and are not part of the word count.

Rubric for Middle School

Student Number _____	Score	Comments
Following Directions - 10 points		
Format (# of words, margins, font, cover sheet) – 10 points		
Content/Quality of Responses - 20 points		
Creativity - 10 points		
Total Points		

High School (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
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All entries must have a cover sheet with the student's name, school, grade, address, and phone number. **NO identifying information should be on any page other than the cover sheet**

Choose Two of the Principles of the Constitution and do artwork, or video or at least a 1000-1250 word essay, on what those Principles mean, how they relate, why they are important to American society, and how they impact our country or lives of our citizens. You can include or reference direct quotes from any signer or framer that supports your thoughts and the context in which they made their statement.

1. Each contestant must complete and attach a student information cover page to include; name, school attending, grade, address/e-mail (can be parent's email) and phone number. Also include on that cover page a statement that the applicant acknowledges permission for the entry to be included on the HCRW website and to be sent to local media or displayed in county or legislative building. Name is only on the cover page. State which two Principles used.
2. Art may be in any medium, and must be original work.
3. Video entries must be less than 7 minutes in length, posted to YouTube and the link to the YouTube post must be emailed to hcrwgroup@gmail.com by Monday, October 23, 2023.
4. Art / Video entries must include a written description and how you came up with the concept and design
5. Essay is at least 1000 words and conform to the following guidelines
 - a. Use 8.5" x 11" paper size, typed, double-spaced, 1-inch margins (left, right, top, bottom)
 - b. Arial or Times New Roman font size 11 or 12
 - c. Page number on each page after the cover sheet
 - d. **NO identifying information should be on any page other than the cover sheet.**
6. References used, should be clearly identified and are not part of the word count.

Rubric for High School

Student Number _____	Score	Comments
Following Directions – 10 points		
Format (# of words, margins, font, cover sheet) – 15 points		
Content/Quality of Responses - 20 points		
Creativity – 15 points		
Total Points		