

# ESSAY PROMPT

On September 17, 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution, which begins with the following preamble:

*"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."*

Since its ratification, the Constitution has been amended 27 times. Choose one of the 27 Amendments to the United States Constitution and, using relevant external sources, explain how that Amendment promotes the goals the framers articulated in the preamble.

## KEY DATES

AUGUST 15, 2022

Essay prompt and rules released,  
[www.flmd.uscourts.gov/contest](http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/contest)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

Essay submission deadline

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Recognition ceremony for all winners at the Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse

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# THE CONSTITUTION OVER TIME



## 2022 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

**THE LAWYERS AND JUDGES** of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, through the Middle District Bench Bar Fund, and the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association,

**INVITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12\*** in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union Counties,

**TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ESSAY CONTEST** celebrating Constitution Week by prompting students to reflect on the United States Constitution throughout our nation's history,

**FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN CASH PRIZES\*\***

<b>First Place</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Fourth through Tenth Places, each</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Classroom Grant for Teachers of Top Three Winners</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Grant for School with the Most Qualifying Submissions</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

\*In years past, the essay contest was open only to tenth through twelfth grade students.

\*\*The **first place** winner also will have an opportunity to shadow a Federal Judge for a day. A teacher of two or more student winners may qualify for only one **classroom grant**. A **qualifying submission** is one that satisfies all Contest Rules.



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