



Entry Form - Constitution Day Essay Contest

For students in grades 4-12 who reside in or attend school in Los Alamos County

Deadline: 5:00 p.m., September 8, 2017

See contest guidelines on the other side of page.

★★★ Cash Prizes for Winners ★★★

\$300: high school \$200: middle school \$100: grades 4-6

Print neatly. Information will only be used for contest.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your grade level as of 8/17/17: _____

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GUIDELINES: CONSTITUTION DAY ESSAY CONTEST

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July 14 - September 8, 2017

The Awards Ceremony will take place on September 16, 2017,
at the Constitution Day Dinner sponsored by the Republican Party of Los Alamos.

Winners will be notified by September 9, 2017, and will be invited to bring one guest and attend the dinner at no cost. The winners will be invited, but not required, to read their essays at the dinner.

Essay Guidelines:

The Constitution Day Essay Contest is designed to challenge students to learn more about the Constitution and to express original, thoughtful ideas in essay writing. Essays will be judged on how completely and clearly the ideas are stated and supported. Grammar, spelling and punctuation will also be considered.

Grades 4-6: Write an original essay of no more than 250 words.

The Constitution of the United States establishes three branches of government. Discuss and explain why you think this is or is not a good idea.

Middle School: Write an original essay of no more than 350 words.

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High School: Write an original essay of no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words.

Select from the list below one issue that affects American youth today. Drawing from principles of the Constitution of the United States, state and support your position on this subject.

Choose from the following:

- *the school's right to monitor your email and Internet use;*
- *the school's right to dictate and implement a dress code;*
- *your right to refuse to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance;*
- *a military recruiter's right to have access to you and your school records; and*
- *your right to practice your religion as a public school student through prayer, school clubs, class presentations, etc.*

1. Do not put your name or contact information on your essay pages.
2. Essays must be typed (not hand-written) and double-spaced. Pages must be numbered.
3. Complete the entry form. This should be the only place your name and contact information appear.
4. Do not fold your essay. Place the completed entry form and essay inside a large envelope and seal.
5. Write on the outside of the envelope your grade level as of August 17, 2017. No other writing should appear on the envelope.
6. Turn your entry in no later than 5:00 p.m., September 8, 2017. Entries cannot be mailed, emailed or uploaded electronically. They must be placed in the box marked CONSTITUTION DAY ESSAY ENTRIES at Zia Realty Group, 1475 Central, Suite 220 (upstairs), Los Alamos; 505-662-8899.

Any entry that does not follow the above guidelines shall be disqualified.

To download additional Entry Forms and Guidelines, go to: losalamosgop.com.
(Entry Form on other side)