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**ESSAY CONTEST**  
**NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES!**

- Subject:** The origin of some aspect of the U.S. Constitution--specifically, one of the seven topics listed on [www.constitutionalscholars.org](http://www.constitutionalscholars.org).
- Eligibility:** All students in grades 9 through 12 in the 32 counties that constitute the Northern District of New York (i.e., Albany, Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren and Washington). There is **no entry fee**. But each student may submit only one essay per annual contest.
- Format:** A typed original essay of up to **2,000 words** based exclusively on primary sources cited in a recognized system. No reference to the student's name may appear on the essay but must appear on a title page, along with the student's grade level, school, home mailing address, telephone number, and any email address.
- Due Date:** Essays are due by the end of **February 12, 2019**. Essays may be submitted one of two ways: (1) as an email attachment in Word, Word Perfect or PDF format (not Google Docs or Mac Pages) sent to [director@constitutionalscholars.org](mailto:director@constitutionalscholars.org), or (2) by regular U.S. Mail sent to Michael G. Langan, Esq., Chambers of Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby, U.S. District Court, 100 S. Clinton Street, Syracuse NY 13261.
- Judging:** By a panel of three or more **federal court judges** based on **clarity, factual support** and **persuasiveness**, to be determined by the judges in their sole discretion. Results will be announced on **May 1, 2019** (Law Day).
- Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded in each of two sections (one for public high school students and the other for private high school students). The first place winner in each section will receive a prize of **\$750**; the second place winner in each section will receive a prize of **\$300**; the third place winner in each section will receive a prize of **\$150**; and the Honorable Mention winner in each section will receive a prize of **\$50**.