



Social Studies Competitions and Scholarships Newsletter



1st Quarter 2022-2023



Newsletter Disclaimer

The details of these competitions and scholarships are subject to change. Please check the specific contest website for more up to date details.

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Social Studies Fair Grades 4-12

We currently plan on holding the 2022 Forsyth County District Social Studies Fair! November 15th at Lakeside Middle School
5 pm to 9 pm

[Forsyth County Social Studies Fair Website](#)

Constituting America Contest Grades 6-8

	Essay, Song, STEM, PSA	Contest Website	Due Date: September 17th	Contact Link	\$200 gift card for winners in each category; plus winners travel for mentoring with experts in those categories. Past mentoring trips include DC, NYC, Philadelphia, Nashville, Austin, Los Angeles.
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Essay: 500-700 word essay on how our First Amendment rights enable citizens to influence the laws of our country or initiate a constitutional amendment and, in so doing, prevent the dissolution of the Republic.

Song: Write & compose an original song with the same theme as the Essay above.

STEM: Conduct a survey or focus group, create an online quiz or website, or design a smartphone app containing information on the U. S. Constitution.

PSA: Create a YouTube or Vimeo PSA with the same theme as the Essay above

Constituting America Contest Grades 9-12

	Essay, Song, Short Film, STEM, PSA	Contest Website	<u>Due Date:</u> September 17th	Contact Link	\$1,000 Scholarship for winners in each category (\$2,000 for Short Film) plus winners travel for mentoring with experts in those categories. Past mentoring trips include DC, NYC, Philadelphia, Nashville, Austin, Los Angeles.
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Essay: 500-1000 word essay on how our First Amendment rights enable citizens to influence the laws of our country or initiate a constitutional amendment and, in so doing, prevent the dissolution of the Republic.


Song: Write & compose an original song with the same theme as the essay above.

STEM: Conduct a survey or focus group, create an online quiz or website, or design a smartphone app containing information on the U. S. Constitution.

Short Film: Create an original 5-10 minute film on topic: How does the Constitution make America and Americans' way of life unique as compared to other countries?


PSA: Create a 30-60 second YouTube or Vimeo PSA on either (1) the same theme as the essay above OR (2) Why are civil civic conversations important in our society today?

2022 Plains Peanut Festival Postcard Contest Pre-K-12

	Postcard	Contest Website Contest Flier	<u>Due Date:</u> Postcards must be received by September 9th	Contact information: Marle Usry marle_usry@partner.nps.gov	Prizes are awarded 1st-3rd place for all grade levels
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1. All work must be on a white 3x5 unruled index card.
 2. The original artwork can include a written message and colorful drawings.
 3. The artwork and message must include peanuts and relate to the theme: History in a Nutshell: Plains, Peanuts, and a President.
 4. Postcards can be mailed or submitted digitally.
- All entries will be judged on creativity in use of theme:
 Original student artwork can use crayons, pencils, pens, and markers. No copyright trademarks will be accepted.
5. Teachers, please print the following information on the back of each card. If student information is incomplete or illegible, it will not be judged. If postcards are submitted digitally the same information must be included with each entry.


VFW Patriot's Pen Grades 6-8

	Essay	Contest Website Entry Form	<u>Due Date:</u> October 31st	Contact information: VFW Post 9143 Cumming GA; complete application from link on website and submit with entry by due	Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner
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				date to: John Kepler johnkepler07@comcast.net 678-634-0065.	wins \$5,000!
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Essay: 300- to 400-word essay on 2022-23 theme: My Pledge to our Veterans

VFW Voice of Democracy Grades 9-12

	Essay	Contest Website Entry Form	<u>Due Date:</u> <u>October 31st</u>	<u>Contact information:</u> VFW Post 9143 Cumming GA; complete application from link on website and submit with entry by due date to: John Kepler johnkepler07@comcast.net 678-634-0065.	Cash awards for winners at Post, District, state and national level from \$1,000 to \$30,000. State and national winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary
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Audio-essay: 2022-23 theme: America: Why is the Veteran Important? ; 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive.

Sons of the American Revolution George S. & Stella M Knight Essay Contest Grades 9-12

	Essay	Contest Website	<u>Due Date:</u> <u>November 15th</u>	SAR Robert Forsyth Chapter, Cumming GA. Send entries to Ed Rigel at edrigel@gmail.com	Chapter, State, National Award Range: HS Essay \$250 -\$ 5,000
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Essay: 800-1200 words based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Essays will be judged based upon historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.