** National Heritage Student Contest Calendar**

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|  | **American Legion (HS only)** | **Constituting America (1-12 grades) + Teacher** | **National History Day (MS/HS)** | **Sons of the American Revolution (1 -12 grades)** | **Veterans of Foreign Wars (MS/HS)** | **Congressional Art Competition (HS)** |
| Oct ‘24 |  |  |  |  | 31: Deadline |  |
| NOV ‘24 |  |  |  | 15: HS & Teacher Essay Deadlines |  |  |
| JAN ‘25 | Oratorical Ladders begin |  |  |  |  |  |
| FEB ‘25 | Oratorical Semi- Finals |  |  |  |  |  |
| MAR ‘25 | State Oratorical  Boys/Girls State Interviews |  | Regional Contest Kennesaw) | 1: HS Oration, ES Poster & MS Brochure Deadlines |  |  |
| APR ‘25 |  | 4: Gauntt Citizen Award | State Contest |  |  | Submission due |
| May ‘25 |  | 31: Contests’ Due date |  |  |  |  |
| JUN ‘25 | Boys State/Girls State |  | Natl Contest |  |  |  |

**American Legion**: High School: Oratorical Contest on Constitution <http://departmentofgeorgiaoratorical.weebly.com/> and [www.legion.org/oratorical/about](http://www.legion.org/oratorical/about). Boys State [www.dogboysstate.org/](http://www.dogboysstate.org/) & Girls State [www.georgiagirlsstate.org/](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/)

**Constituting America**: K-5: Poem and Holiday Card; 6-8: Essay, Song, PSA, STEM; 9-12: PSA, Essay, Song, STEM, Social Media Video, Short Film; Graduating Senior Exemplary Citizen Award; Teacher: Lesson Plan; <http://constitutingamerica.org/contest-categories/>

**National History Day**: 6-12: Exhibit, Documentary Film, Essay, Performance, Website: <https://nhd.org/en/>; (2025 Theme: *Rights & Responsibilities in History*); Georgia Contest Website: <https://tinyurl.com/y5hzlvk9>.

**Sons of the American Revolution**: ES: Poster; MS: Brochure; HS: Essay & Oration; Elementary, Middle, and High School Teacher Essays: <https://www.sar.org/education/>; submit questions and entries to Ed Rigel at [edrigel@gmail.com](mailto:edrigel@gmail.com).

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ufh2tq>: 6-12: MS Essay (2024-25 Theme: *"My Voice in America’s Democracy");* HS Audio-Essay (2024-25 Theme *"Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"*) Submit questions and entries to Taylor Mehaffey at [**sr\_vice@vfwpost9143.org**](mailto:sr_vice@vfwpost9143.org)**.**

**Congressional Art Competition**: [Art Competition | Representative Mccormick (house.gov)](https://mccormick.house.gov/services/art-competition). 9-12: See website for details. For more information contact Suzanne Swain at Congressman McCormick’s Cumming office [Suzanne.swain@mail.house.gov](mailto:Suzanne.swain@mail.house.gov).

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|  | **Fleet Reserve Association (Grades 7-12)** | **Daughters of the American Revolution (grades 5-12)** | **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library& Museum (grades 9-12)** | **Gilder Lehrman Institute (Students:10- 12; Teachers: K-12)** | **National Center for State Courts (grades 3-12)** |  |
| NOV ‘24 |  | 18: Entries due |  |  |  |  |
| DEC ‘24 | 1: Essay deadline |  |  |  |  |  |
| JAN ‘25 |  |  | 17: Essay due |  |  |  |
| FEB ‘25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar ‘25 |  |  |  |  | 22: Essay due |  |
| APR ‘25 |  |  |  | 30: Teachers due |  |  |
| Jun ‘25 |  |  |  | 28: McCullough Essay due |  |  |

**Fleet Reserve Association**: American Essay contest (7-12): [Essay Contest (fra.org)](https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/7_12th_Grade_Essay_Contest/Web/Content/Essay_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a). Theme for 2024-25: “What Would Service to our Country Mean to Me" Maximum of 350 words. Submit questions to Ted Rambo at [sergeantmajorusmc@yahoo.com](mailto:sergeantmajorusmc@yahoo.com); (770) 424-6321. Mail entries to Ted Rambo at 4115 Burnt Hickory Rd NW Marietta, GA 30064-1007.

**Daughters of the American Revolution.** Grades 5-8 Essay contest (2024-25 Theme: “*Enjoying a new kind of Tea Party,*” 300-1,000 words); grades 9-12 Essay contest (2024-25 Theme: “*Patriots of the American Revolution*,” 800-1200 words); Grades 5-12 Video Contest (2024-2025 Theme: “*Enjoying a new kind of Tea Party,*” maximum video of 3 minutes. For a PDF file with details on submission, contact Deborah Hudson at [debi.thornburg@gmail.com](mailto:debi.thornburg@gmail.com) for grades 5–8 and Perrie Tucker at [perrietuck@mac.com](mailto:perrietuck@mac.com) for grades 9–12.

**John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum**. Profile in Courage Essay (9-12): [Contest Topic and Information | JFK Library](https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/contest-topic-and-information). 700-1,000 word essay on an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917.

**Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History**: Teacher of the Year (K-12): [gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy); McCullough Essay (grades 9, 10, 11, 12); Research Essay, 1,500 – 2,500 words; Interpretative Essay, 750 – 1,000 words; [David McCullough Essay Prizes | Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/richard-gilder-history-prize/david-mccullough-essay-prizes).

**National Center for State Courts:** “ Civic Education Essay Contest” (100 words for 3-8; 250 words for 9-12). [Civics Education Essay Contest | NCSC](https://www.ncsc.org/education-and-careers/civics-education/contest). **2024 Theme relates to Civic Engagement.** For details, email Molly Justice [mjustice@ncsc.org](mailto:mjustice@ncsc.org).

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|  | **National Council for Social Studies (Grades 11&12)** | **Stossel in the Classroom Essay & Video (Grades 5-college)** | **American Foreign Service Association (Grades 9-12)** | **World History Association (Grades K – 12)** | **AMERICA250 “AMERICA’S FIELD TRIP CONTEST” (Grades 3-12)** |  |
| OCT ‘24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| APR ‘25 |  |  | 1: Essay due |  |  |  |
| MAY ‘25 |  |  |  | 1: Essay due | 17: Entries due |  |
| JUN ‘25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**National Council for Social Studies**: The *1787 Prize*, an annual essay contest for high school students in grades 11-12. An essay may be submitted with up to three (3) student co-authors. There is a maximum of one (1) submission per high school. This essay must be reviewed by a panel of teachers at your school before submitting. You must contact your school’s Social Studies department chair for guidance and instructions. [The 1787 Prize | Social Studies](https://www.socialstudies.org/membership/awards/1787-prize#:~:text=It%20recognizes%20the%20best%20annual,this%20vision%20of%20citizen%20engagement.ip/awards/1787-prize-essay-competition/). Submit questions to [awards@ncss.org](mailto:awards@ncss.org).

**Stossel in the Classroom**: The essay contest is open to grade 5-12 and the video contest is open to grades 5-college. 500-1,000-word essay on one of four topics. See [Essay Contest - Stossel in the Classroom](https://stosselintheclassroom.org/essay-contest/); 1-3 minute video on one of four topics. See [Video Contest - Stossel in the Classroom](https://stosselintheclassroom.org/video-contest/). For questions, contact [contests@sitc.org](mailto:contests@sitc.org).

**American Foreign Service Association**: National High School Essay Contest. Topic: Why Diplomacy and Peacebuilding Matter; 1,000 words but should not exceed 1,500 words. [National High School Essay Contest (afsa.org)](https://afsa.org/essay-contest).

**World History Association**: World Historian Student Essay Competition. Approximately 1,000 words on topic “In what way has the study of world history affected my understanding of the world in which I live?.” E-mail questions and submissions to: Susan Smith at [smithsusan@district279.org](mailto:smithsusan@district279.org).

**AMERICA250 “AMERICA’S FIELD TRIP CONTEST:”** Elementary, middle, and high school students (grades 3-12) are invited to submit creative content (artwork, poems, essays or videos depending on grade level) that answers the question, “**What does America mean to you?**” For detailed submission requirements and prize awards for each grade level, see [America's Field Trip Official Contest Rules - America250](https://america250.org/fieldtrip/rules/).

Maximum Cash/Scholarship Awards

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|  | Elementary  Ages 6-10 | Middle School  Ages 11-13 | High School  Ages 14-18 | |
| American Legion Oratorical | N/A | N/A | $25,000 | |
| American Legion Boys/Girls State | N/A | N/A | Week-long Government Leadership Development | |
| Constituting America | $100 + PR | $200 + PR | $1,000 + PR | |
| Constituting America Teacher | $2,000 | | | |
| Constituting America Exemplary Citizen Award |  |  | $4,540 | |
| National History Day Student | N/A | $1,000 | $1,000 | |
| National History Day Teacher | N/A | $10,000 | $10,000 | |
| National History Day Scholarship |  |  | Three partial or full | |
| Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) | $200 | $300 | $500 - $6,000 (Essay)  $250 - $8,000 (Oration)  $500 - $5,000 (JROTC) | |
| SAR Teacher | $5,000 approx. | $5,000 approx. | $5,000 approx. | |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars | N/A | $500 - $5,000 + DC Trip | $1,000 - $35,000 + DC Trip | |
| Gilder Lehrman Teacher of the Year | Teacher of Year: ($1,000 State & $10,000 National) | | | |
| Gilder Lehrman David McCullough Essay | N/A | N/A | 14 awards $500 - $5,000 | |
| Fleet Reserve Association | N/A | $1,500 National winner + $1,000/$750/$500 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place at each grade level (7-12) | | |
| Daughters of the American Revolution | N/A | Monetary awards for National Level winners for first through third place. National winners also win a June DC trip | | |
| John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum | N/A | N/A | $10,000 plus trip to Boston for Profile in Courage Award event. $100-$3,000 for next 16 student finalists | |
| National Center for State Courts | $100-300 (3-5); $100-400 (6-8); $250-1,000 (9-12) | | | |
| Congressional Art Competition | N/A | N/A | Artwork will hang in the Congressional Cannon Tunnel. | |
| National Council for Social Studies | N/A | N/A | One award of $2,500 | |
| Stossel in the Classroom | N/A | $50 - $2,500 for MS winners as well as HS winners for both the essay and the video contests. The video contest has $200 - $2,500 awards for college students | | |
| Foreign Service Association | N/A | N/A | | $1,250 and $2,500 plus travel awards |
| World History Association | One $500 winner award | | | |
| AMERICA250 | $500 for each Second Prize awardee; each First Prize awardee receives a 3-day field trip to one of 12 historical destinations in the United States. Teachers of First Prize students receive a $1,000 cash award. | | | |