

Bill of Rights Day Student Contest

Hosted by the U.S. Courts within the Seventh and Eighth Circuits

The United States Courts of Appeals along with the United States District Courts in the Seventh and Eighth Circuits are hosting the second annual Bill of Rights contest and we want YOU to be a part of it!

TOPIC: The Importance of the Bill of Rights

Art (Video, Visual Art, Poem, Song)

- Elementary (3-5)
- Middle School (6-8)
- High School (9-12)

Essay

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- Middle School (6-8)
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Eligibility: Contest is open to all students in grades 3-12 within the Seventh and Eighth Circuits – Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Entry and Deadline: Entries should be emailed, along with a completed entry form. A parent/guardian should be included on the email. Entries without forms will not be considered.

Submissions will be accepted Friday, September 17, through 5:00pm on Sunday, October 31.

Prizes: District semi-finalists from each category will receive a \$50 electronic gift card and advance to the finals. Grand prize winners in each category will receive \$500 cash.

District semi-finalists will be notified before Thanksgiving and grand prize winners will be announced at the virtual event on December 1. Must be present to win the grand prize.

Event: Register and mark your calendar for the live, virtual family event on WED DEC 1 at 6 PM Central. Grand prize winners will be announced at the event. Even if you don't choose to enter the contest, all are welcome for the event. There will be chances to win additional prizes!

Registration is required to participate in the event.

**Register here: www.JudicialLearningCenter.org/Bill-of-Rights-Day

Teachers: All teacher names submitted will be entered into a raffle. Randomly selected teachers will also receive e-gift cards. The more students who list a teacher's name on the form, the more chances the teacher has to win!

Guidelines:

- Essays must be typed. Elementary essays should be between 150-350 words. Middle School and High School essays must be between 350-600 words.
- Videos should be 3-5 minutes or less.
- All entries must be the original work of the student.
- Group entries are not encouraged but are not prohibited. It is up to the contestants to fairly divide any prize amounts they may win.
- No photography or computer-generated entries will be accepted.
- Only one entry per student.
- Entries without forms will not be considered.

Submitting Entries or Questions:

Use the most appropriate district court email address within your state. Don't worry if you send to the wrong district. Coordinators will forward it to the correct destination. Please be sure you have listed your **county** correctly on the form.

This form and all contest information can be found at www.JudicialLearningCenter.org/bill-of-rights-day

ARKANSAS

Western District – Publicinfo@arwd.uscourts.gov
Eastern District – EducationTeam@ca8.uscourts.gov

ILLINOIS

Northern District – Education@ilnd.uscourts.gov
Central District – CivicEducation@ilcd.uscourts.gov
Southern District – Contest@ilsd.uscourts.gov

INDIANA

Northern District – innd_billofrights@innd.uscourts.gov
Southern District – Mary_Giorgio@insd.uscourts.gov

IOWA

Northern District – Contest@iasd.uscourts.gov
Southern District – Contest@iasd.uscourts.gov

MINNESOTA

District of Minnesota – Rebecca_Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov

MISSOURI

Western District – Diana_Diaz@mow.uscourts.gov
Eastern District – EducationTeam@ca8.uscourts.gov

NEBRASKA

District of Nebraska – EducationTeam@ca8.uscourts.gov

NORTH DAKOTA

District of North Dakota – EducationTeam@ca8.uscourts.gov

SOUTH DAKOTA

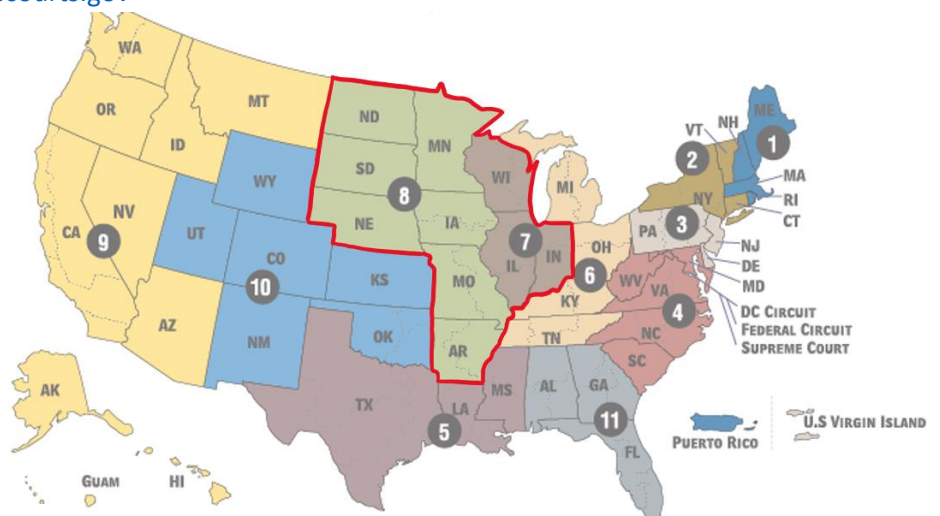
District of South Dakota – EducationTeam@ca8.uscourts.gov

WISCONSIN

Western District – EducationTeam@wiwb.uscourts.gov
Eastern District – Events@wied.uscourts.gov

Type your zip code into the “Federal Court Finder” to figure out which District you live in.

<https://www.uscourts.gov/federal-court-finder/search>



Student Entry and Release Form Instructions: Complete all blanks unless "optional." Signatures may be actual or electronic. Email completed form along with contest submission. Entries without forms will not be considered.

Student's Name:

Grade:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Student Email (*optional*):

Home/Mailing Address:

City, County, State, Zip:

**School (or note if
homeschooled):**

**Teacher Name (if a teacher
told you about the contest):**

Subjects/Grades Taught:

Teacher Email:

Teacher Phone:

Type of Entry:

Essay

Art

Type of Art: Visual Art Poem Song Video

Title of Entry:

Description of Entry:

Notes: (*optional*)

Originality Certification:

I hereby certify that this is my original work and that it is not copied from a published magazine, photograph, book illustration, web site, or another person.

Signatures may be actual or electronic:

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Signature (*optional*): _____ Date: _____

Release:

I grant the contest organizers the right to reproduce and publicly display the entry and student's name, grade, and school, on related websites and social media channels. I understand that the grand prize winners will be announced via live webinar, that winners will appear by live video, and will be recorded. The recorded video may be posted on related websites and social media channels.

Signatures may be actual or electronic:

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Complete both pages, sign, and save. Then, email along with your submission. Please retain a copy for your records.
- Please include parent/guardian or teacher on the email, or have them send it for you.
- Entries without forms will not be considered.
- Email your project as a document, file, or photo if artwork. Links to video projects are also acceptable.
- Entries and forms must be received, no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021