

## Founders Values Essay Contest

### Topic

Why is the U.S. Constitution considered a revered document and what will you do to protect it for future generations?

### Time

Start Date: December 1, 2011

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2012

Winner announced by: May 1, 2012 (may be earlier depending on # of submissions and judging time)

### Eligibility

- Participants must be residents local (New Castle County & surrounding areas)
- Open to students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must give permission and sign the entry form.
- Winners chosen from two categories, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Relatives of Founders Values directors and those chosen to be judges are not eligible to enter the contest.
- Participant must be willing to read his/her essay at a Founders Values meeting and allow the essay to be published on the Founders Values website or other material.

### Manuscript and Submission Guidelines

- One essay per entrant
- Submissions must be as a Word document, double-spaced, with a title page. The essay must be between 700-900 words for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 1000-1200 words for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- English is the official language of the contest and only entries in English will be reviewed.
- The title page should be separate from the rest of the submission and must include the title, the author's name, grade level, address, phone number, and name of parent/guardian if participant is under 18 years of age. All quotes and other references must be cited.
- To be considered, all entries must include a completed entry form and must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2012 (by 11:59 PM on March 1, 2012 if submitting electronically).
  - Entries should be emailed to [essay@foundersvalues.com](mailto:essay@foundersvalues.com)  
Place "FV Essay Contest" in the subject line.

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- Those using regular mail should send their entries to:

Founders Values Essay Contest  
P.O. Box 673  
Bear, DE 19701-0673

(Include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope if you would like the essay to be returned)

### **Additional Rules and Notes**

- By submitting an entry, the contestant warrants that the work is original and does not violate the intellectual property rights. In addition, the contestant grants permission to use his or her name in the announcing the results of the contest.
- If and when more than 150 entries are submitted, Founders Values reserves the right to stop accepting entries. An announcement will be made on Founders Values website when the 100<sup>th</sup> essay is received. Review of more than 150 essays is beyond the resources of our staff and volunteer judges.
- The decisions of the judges are final and non-reviewable.

### **Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners:

- \$100
- Founders Values Educational Materials
- Essay published on Founders Values website
- Presentation of essay at Founders Values event

### **Contact Info**

For additional questions and information, please contact:

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# FOUNDERS VALUES ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

**Why is the U.S. Constitution a revered document and what will you do to protect it for future generations?**

Participant's Name (please print):

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Grade Level and Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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City, State, Zip Code: \_

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Home Phone Number w/Area Code:

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E-mail:

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Parent or Guardian Name (Please print):

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By signing this entry form, you certify that the work submitted is original and that the participant has permission to participate in the essay contest.

Participant

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_