



WE THE FUTURE CONTEST

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Adults, Ages 25 & up Short Film Contest Rules Summary---2017

- ◇ Adults, ages 25 and up, are eligible to sign up for this category
- ◇ Sign up for the contest online.
- ◇ **Adults are invited to enter a short film in the We The Future Contest.**
- ◇ One entry per person. **All entries that utilize copyrighted music, film clips or photos MUST obtain the proper licensing permissions IN ADVANCE of submitting the entry, in order to be considered.**
 - **Short film** subject is: “Why the United States Constitution is Relevant Today,” and must be an original film written and directed by the entrant. Up to two entrants may collaborate on and submit the short film. It must be no shorter than 5 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes in length.
- ◇ **Electronic Submissions due by 11:59 p.m. September 17, 2017 to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com with subject line “ADULT 25 AND UP ENTRY”**
 - Film submissions should be uploaded to YouTube (640 x 360 minimum, HD preferred) or Vimeo (download enabled). **The first line of the video description must read: Submitted to Constituting America’s We The Future 2017 Contest www.constitutingamerica.org.** The following must be emailed to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com: Entry/Permission form; YouTube or Vimeo link; and a copy of the script. Entrant’s name and age must appear on the entry and all pages of the entry package. See Official Rules Section III for details.
- ◇ The winner gives Constituting America the rights to reprint and redistribute entries.

**The above rules are a summary only.
Please consult “Official Rules and Regulations,” for complete instructions and guidelines.**



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We the Future Contest Official Rules and Regulations Effective September 17, 2016 – September 17, 2017 For Adults, Age 25 & Up

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Section I – General Rules for Adults, Age 25 & Up

From September 17, 2016 to September 17, 2017 (the "Contest Period") Constituting America will conduct the "We the Future" short film contest (the "Contest") in the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories and the American Armed Forces Schools Abroad.

The short film subject is: "Why the United States Constitution is Relevant Today."

Guidelines for the short film are outlined in [Section III](#).

To enter, adult entrants are encouraged to fill out the online Contest Sign-up form, indicating their intent to enter the contest. Contest updates and deadline reminders will be sent to all signing up for the contest in advance.

All entries that utilize copyrighted music, film clips or photos MUST obtain the proper licensing permissions IN ADVANCE of submitting the entry, in order to be considered.

Electronic Submissions due by 11:59 p.m. September 17, 2017 to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com with subject line: ADULT 25 AND UP ENTRY

- **Film** submissions should be uploaded to YouTube (640 x 360 minimum, HD preferred) or Vimeo (download enabled). The first line of the video description in the online submission must read: Submitted to Constituting America's We The Future 2017 Contest www.constitutingamerica.org The following must be emailed to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com: Entry/Permission form; YouTube or Vimeo link; and a copy of the script. Student's name and age must appear on the entry, and all pages of the entry package.

Entries must be received by email by 11:59p.m., September 17, 2017. As further detailed in [Section VII](#) entrants agree to accept and be bound by all terms of these Official Rules and Regulations and the decisions of Constituting America, whose decisions are final with respect to all matters of the Contest.

Only one entry per entrant is permitted. Incomplete, late or entries which contain unrequested information, or otherwise fail to comply with these Official Rules and Regulations will not qualify for consideration for the Contest. By entering the Contest, entrants acknowledge and agree that the entry along with any and all documentation submitted therewith will become the sole property of Constituting America and will not be acknowledged or returned. Entrants represent and warrant that the entry is an original work and does not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party, is unpublished (in any form or medium) and has not won an award. Constituting America may edit any entries for grammar, modify for style only, and entrant hereby grants Constituting America a license to record the song, distribute submitted material to third parties for purposes of publication or production, to publicize the contest, with no additional notification or permission of the entrant. Submitted material will only be used to further the educational mission and goals of Constituting America (please see [Section VI](#) for a Privacy Policy), including, but not limited to, featuring the short film on the Constituting America website, and putting it on a DVD for promotional distribution for the contest.

Section II – Qualifications

The Short Film Contest is open to all United States citizens or legal residents who are 25 years or older.

Section III – Short Film Instructions

The short film should be an **original** film written and directed by the entrant. It must be no shorter than five minutes and no longer than ten minutes in length. The subject should be: “Why is the United States Constitution Relevant Today?” The short film may be written, directed and submitted by a team of not more than two people. Film submissions should be uploaded to YouTube (640 x 360 minimum, HD preferred) or Vimeo (download enabled). The first line of the video description in the online submission must read: Submitted to Constituting America’s We The Future 2017 Contest www.constitutingamerica.org **The completed Entry/Permission form with signed parental consent, must be emailed, with link, and script to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com** with subject line: ADULT 25 AND UP ENTRY. The entrant’s name, grade and age must be on each page of the short film script.

Section IV – Judging Process

After the expiration of the Contest Period, the judges selected by Constituting America will review all entries and submissions that comply with these Official Rules and Regulations and select one winning short film. Judges reserve the right to not make an award in any category. Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Adherence to instructions stated in [Section III](#)
2. Short film: originality, appeal to adults, educational value

The odds of winning are proportional to the amount of entries received. Winners will be notified sometime after September 17, 2017.

Section V – Awards and Prizes

The winners will be contacted directly through contact information provided on the Contest Signup Form. Winners will also be announced on www.constitutingamerica.org. As a condition to receiving any awards, the winner must provide publicity photos and may be required to return a liability release and publicity release within 10 days following the date of notification. Winner will receive:

BEST SHORT FILM – 1 Entry Chosen

1. Worldwide exposure on the Constituting America website

2. Television Appearances (to be determined)
3. Certificate for winning Best Short Film, Adult Category, 2017-2018

All entrants are solely responsible for understanding and complying with any and all federal, state, and local laws, codes, regulations, and ordinances that may apply to the entrants and the activities or business in which such entrants may engage. Tax consequences may be associated with the prizes received by a Contest winner, which may include, without limitation, an obligation to report as income and to pay taxes on such income to federal, state, or local authorities. It is the responsibility of each Contest winner to determine the tax consequences of the prizes received and to comply with all applicable laws in all respects.

Section VI – Notice and Privacy Policy

Upon submission of entry, the material entered becomes the property of Constituting America. By entering the Contest, entrants grant Constituting America the right, unless prohibited by law, to use their names, cities and states of residence, pictures and likenesses without compensation, for the express purpose of advertising and publicity of the Contest in any and all media, now or after. Entrants also grant Constituting America permission to use their name and materials submitted to further its mission as stated on www.constitutingamerica.org. Privacy Policy is posted on www.constitutingamerica.org. Entrant hereby agrees and acknowledges the provisions set forth in the Privacy Policy.

To receive further information about Constituting America, students, adults, parents or guardians must click “Sign Up for Email Updates” on the front page of the website at www.constitutingamerica.org.

Section VII –Disclaimer

Constituting America will administer any and all aspects of the Contest, including, without limitation, evaluating an entrant’s qualification or material submission, judge selection, review of entry documents and information, determination of prize winners, all of which is in the sole and absolute discretion of Constituting America. Any and all decisions of Constituting America relating to the administration of the Contest are final in all respects and no entrant or person or organization related thereto, has a right to appeal, contest, and dispute or otherwise challenge such administration.

Constituting America is not responsible for (i) incorrect or inaccurate entry information whether caused by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized by this contest or by any human error which may occur in the processing of entries into this contest; or (ii) for lost, late, misdirected or delayed entries or electronic transmission errors or technical malfunctions.

If for any reason, the Contest is interrupted, delayed or negatively affected by any causes beyond the control of Constituting America, Constituting America reserves the right to cancel, modify or delay the Contest.

Section VIII – Nondiscrimination Policy

Constituting America will not discriminate in any manner, including on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in its administration of the Contest. Each eligible entry submitted will be evaluated upon the merit of its contents and the criteria described in [Section IV](#).

This Contest is governed by the internal laws of the state of Texas without regard to principles of conflict of laws. If any provision of these Official Rules and Regulations is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein.