



# WE THE FUTURE CONTEST

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## Elementary School Students K---5 Contest Rules Summary-2017

- ❖ Sign up for the contest online: <http://www.constitutingamerica.org>
- ❖ Parent/Guardian must read “[Constituting America’s Privacy Policy Guidelines and Notice to Parents](#),” approve of student entering, and “check” parent statement on online form & sign hard copy contest entry form.
- ❖ Elementary students may submit a Poem or Holiday Card.

**Poem** subject must be “How do the checks and balances of the Constitution protect our rights?” Student may enter poem online, but **MUST** include student’s name, age and grade on the poem and include the signed permission/entry form. Electronic submissions of Poems are due by September 17, 2017 to [WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com) with subject line “Elementary Poem Entry” See Official Rules Section III for details.

**Holiday Card** subject must be relevant to the United States Constitution and its importance to the student and the theme “The Constitution as America’s greatest strength,” and depict an original drawing, **no bigger than an 8x10 image**, in pencil, pen, colors or paint. No Text. All holiday card entries must be mailed to Constituting America, and **MUST** include the student’s name, age and grade on the back of the drawing along with the signed permission/entry form.



The Holiday Card Contest is proudly named in memory of Conrad Ainslie Bauman (February 26, 2014 – September 23, 2015). See Official Rules Section III for details.

Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 17, 2017 and **include two copies of the entry form, with signed parental consent**, and student’s name, age and grade must appear on the entry.

Please mail entries to:  
Constituting America  
We the Future Contest  
PO Box 1988  
Colleyville, TX 76034

Entries will not be returned. 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 For Elementary Students

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### **Section I – General Rules for Elementary Students (Grades K-5)**

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

The poem topic is: "How do the checks and balances of the Constitution protect our rights?"

The holiday card must relate to the United States Constitution and the theme "The Constitution as America's greatest strength."

Instructions for the holiday card and poem are outlined in [Section III](#).

To enter, students and/or parent/guardians are encouraged to fill out the online Contest Sign-up form, indicating their intent to enter the contest, including the line on the form giving parental consent. Contest updates and deadline reminders will be sent to the students signing up for the contest in advance.

To enter the poem, **the completed Contest Sign-up form with signed parental consent and poem entry** may be emailed to [WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com) or mailed in hard copy form to the P.O. Box below. Student's name, age and grade must appear on the poem.

The holiday card entry, **along with two copies of the completed Contest Sign-up form with signed parental consent**, must be submitted by mail in hard copy form, with student's name, age and grade on back, to:

Constituting America  
We The Future Contest  
P.O. Box 1988  
Colleyville, TX 76034

Entries must be received by email (poem only) by 11:59 p.m. September 17, 2017 or postmarked (artwork or poem) no later than September 17, 2017.

As further detailed in [Section VII](#) entrants and parent/guardians 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.

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 and their parent/guardians 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. Entrant and their parent/guardian 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 and their parent/guardian hereby grant Constituting America a license to 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 or parent/guardian. Submitted material will only be used to further the educational mission and goals of Constituting America (please see [Section VI](#) for a Notice to Parents and Privacy Policy), including, but not limited to, the sale of the holiday cards on the Constituting America website, and use of the holiday card language, artwork or any parts thereof on t-shirts or other items for sale on the website, with proceeds benefiting Constituting America.

## **Section II – Qualifications**

The Elementary School Contest is open to all United States citizens or legal residents who are students in grades K-5 and are 5 to 12 years old at the time of entry, attending public, private, religious, home school program and charter schools. Students must attend school in one of the 50 States, District of Columbia, all U.S. Territories, or American Armed Forces Schools abroad.

## **Section III – Holiday Card and Poem Instructions**

The Poem subject matter must be: “How do the checks and balances of the Constitution protect our rights?” Poem may be typed or handwritten, and submitted electronically or mailed. If submitted electronically, the poem should be saved as a PDF. Whether submitted electronically or in hard copy form, poem entry **MUST include student’s name, age and grade on the poem.**

The Holiday Card must depict a drawing that is relevant to the United States Constitution and the theme “The Constitution as America's greatest strength,” and its importance to the student. The drawing should be **no bigger than an 8x10 image**, done in pencil, pen, colors or paint. NO TEXT. Two color copies of the holiday card must be submitted by U.S. Mail, may not be submitted electronically, and **MUST include the student’s name, age and grade on the back of the drawings.**



The Conrad Ainslie Bauman Holiday Card Contest is in Memory of Conrad Ainslie Bauman (February 26, 2014 – September 23, 2015). Although briefly on this earth, Conrad touched the hearts of many and his beautiful spirit lives on. He loved art, and we are proud to name Constituting America’s Holiday Card Contest after him. Born on February 26, 2014, Conrad passed away September 23, 2015 from a very rare form of leukemia, JMML.

**All entries must include the signed Entry/Permission Form, available for download on the website. The form should be signed by the parent if the entrant, scanned in and accompany electronic submissions, or 2 copies mailed in with hard copy submissions.**

#### **Section IV--Judging Process**

After the expiration of the Contest Period, the judges selected by Constituting America will review all entries and submissions which comply with these Official Rules and Regulations and select one (1) winning poem and one (1) winning holiday card. Judges reserve the right to not make an award in any category and/or make multiple awards per category. Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Adherence to instructions stated in [Section III](#)
2. Poem: originality, neatness, spelling, grammar and form; Holiday card: artistic quality, originality, ability to reproduce, and neatness.

The odds of winning are proportional to the amount of entries received. Winners will be notified in early 2018.

#### **Section V – Awards and Prizes**

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

##### **BEST POEM – 1 Entry Chosen**

1. Worldwide exposure on the Constituting America website as Best Poem, Elementary School
2. Public Appearances (to be determined)
3. Certificate for winning Best Poem, Elementary School
4. \$100 Gift Card to a retail location (to be announced)

##### **BEST HOLIDAY CARD – 1 Entry Chosen**

1. Worldwide exposure on the Constituting America website as official holiday card
2. Public Appearances (to be determined)
3. Certificate for winning Official Holiday card
4. \$100 Gift Card to a retail location (to be announced)

All entrants and their parents/guardians 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 and their parent/guardians 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 and their parent/guardian also grant Constituting America permission to use their name and materials submitted to further its mission as stated on [www.constitutingamerica.org](http://www.constitutingamerica.org). Privacy Policy and Notice to Parents are posted on [www.constitutingamerica.org](http://www.constitutingamerica.org). Entrant and his or her parent/guardian hereby agree and acknowledge the provisions set forth in the Privacy Policy and Notice to Parents.

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

### **Section VII – Disclaimer**

Constituting America will administer any and all aspects of the Contest, including, without limitation, evaluating a student'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 student, parent /guardian 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.