



WE THE FUTURE CONTEST

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Senior Adults, Ages 65 & Up Contest Rules Summary---2017

- ◇ Adults, ages 65 and up are eligible to sign up for this category
- ◇ Sign up for the contest online.
- ◇ **Adults, ages 65 and up, are invited to enter an essay in the We The Future Contest.**
 - **Two copies of all materials must be included in the submission.**
 - Essay topic is:
 - " President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States when men were free."
Ronald Reagan, Encroaching Control (The Peril of Ever-Expanding Government), Speaking at the annual meeting of the Phoenix (Arizona) Chamber, March 30, 1961
 - " Please share your thoughts, and personal experiences about this quote.
 - Essay must be no longer than 850 words, typed or handwritten. If handwritten, must be legible. Essay entry may be mailed or submitted electronically, but MUST include entrant's name and date of birth on every page of the essay. See Official Rules Section III for details.
- ◇ Entries can be emailed to [7 WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:7WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com) with the subject line: SENIOR CITIZEN ENTRY
- ◇ Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 17, 2017. **All entry submissions must be accompanied by the entry form.** Entrant's name and age must appear on all pages of the entry package. Two copies of all submission materials must be included.
- ◇ 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 Sign-Up Form Essay Contest, Ages 65 & Up

1. Name _____

2. Date of Birth _____

3. Male / Female _____

4. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

5. Telephone _____

6. E Mail _____

10. Agree to rules (signature required) _____

The essay MAY be emailed to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com

THIS entry form signed by entrant, must accompany all entries, whether mailed or emailed.

For email submissions, please scan in a copy of this signed form.

Please see Contest Rules for more details.

Signing up online does not replace the requirement to submit this form with your entry.

CONSTITUTING AMERICA ESSAY ENTRY MAILING ADDRESS

Constituting America
ATTN: We The Future
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We the Future Contest Official Rules and Regulations Effective September 17, 2016 - September 17, 2017 For Senior Adults, Ages 65 & Up

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Section I – General Rules for Senior Adults, Ages 65 & Up

From September 17, 2016 to September 17, 2017 (the "Contest Period") Constituting America will conduct the "We the Future" essay 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 essay subject is:

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States when men were free."

Ronald Reagan, Encroaching Control (The Peril of Ever-Expanding Government) Speaking at the annual meeting of the Phoenix (Arizona) Chamber, March 30, 1961

Please share your thoughts, and personal experiences about this quote, in 850 words or less.

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

To enter, senior 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.

To enter the essay, the **completed Contest Sign-up form and essay entry** may be emailed to WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com or mailed in hard copy form to the P.O. Box below. If mailed in hard copy, **Two copies of all materials must be included.**

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

Entries must be received by email by 11:59 p.m. September 17, 2017 or postmarked no later than 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 essay on the Constituting America website, and putting it on a DVD for promotional distribution for the contest.

Section II – Qualifications

The Essay Contest is open to all United States citizens or legal residents who are 65 years or older.

Section III – Essay Instructions

TWO copies of all materials must be included in the submission.

The Essay topic is:

President Ronald Reagan said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States when men were free.”

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Please share your thoughts, and personal experiences about this quote.

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Whether submitted in hard copy form or electronically, the entrant’s name and date of birth must be on each page of the essay. If submitting in hard copy, please include **two copies of the essay and Sign-up form.**

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 winning essay. 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. Essay: originality, neatness, spelling, grammar and form

The odds of winning are proportional to the amount of entries received. Winners will be notified sometime after Constitution Day, 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 ESSAY – 1 Entry Chosen

1. Worldwide exposure on the Constituting America website, 2017-2018
2. Television Appearances (to be determined)
3. Certificate for winning Best Essay, Senior 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. Entrant 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.