

United States District Court  
District of Connecticut

2021 CONSTITUTION AND CITIZENSHIP DAY  
ESSAY COMPETITION

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The Preamble to the Constitution was written in 1787 when our new nation needed a federal government that would oversee and unite our thirteen states. Today, our nation faces different struggles but still functions by the words of the Preamble. Imagine you were recruited to rewrite the Preamble to fit the needs of our country today. What functions would you include in your new Preamble?

1. Type your new Preamble and explain your reasoning in an essay of 500 words or less.
2. Attach a cover sheet that includes a number assigned to the student, the student's school, grade and teacher.
3. **Do not include your name on the essay.** Entries will be judged on accuracy of information, clarity of expression, content and originality.
4. **Submission:**  
Email essays with attached cover sheets to:  
**Public\_outreach@ctd.uscourts.gov**
5. **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by **October 15, 2021.**

**PRIZES:** If there are at least twenty submissions received in compliance with the rules, three winners will be determined.  
First prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble  
Second prize is a \$30 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble  
Third prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble

If you need additional information, please contact:

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