



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN COOPERATION WITH THE WASHINGTON WORKSHOPS FOUNDATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE

CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR ESSAY APPLICATION

Topic: "Why did the nation's founders choose a government with separated powers rather than a parliamentary system?"

Complete this application and submit this form and your essay to your Corporate Society or Town Committee, or deposit both in this Dropbox folder:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/3IPK0RMoeIPhOAWejA1a>

SAVE AS the file name: State Abbreviation-Student Last Name-Student First Name.PDF (ex: VA-Dorsey-Samantha.PDF)

STUDENT INFORMATION (please fill in fields below online and save or download to print and clearly print by hand)

Name: Last First

Home address:

City: State: Zip: Permanent Email:

Home phone: Alternate phone (cell):

Parent/Guardians Name: Last First

Parent cell phone: Parent Email:

Year in School: Fr. Soph Jr. Sr.

School Name: School Phone:

School Address: City: State: Zip:

Name and title of faculty member if appropriate:

Faculty phone:

Faculty email:

Local Newspaper(s):

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE

ELIGIBILITY • Applicants must currently be in their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school. Exceptions will only be made under extraordinary circumstances.

ITINERARY CHANGES • Although changes are not expected some activities or program days may be adjusted or modified due to availability or schedule conflicts.

USE OF QUOTES, VIDEO, AND PHOTOGRAPHY • Washington Workshops Foundation and The NSCDA reserve the right to use photographs, video, or participant quotes (written and spoken) from the program to be used for promotional or training purposes.

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waves any claims against The Washington Workshops Foundation (and staff), partnering tour operators, and The NSCDA, for any such damage or loss.

SEMINAR STANDARDS • Each participant and his or her parent or legal guardian must agree to the following disclaimer upon admittance to the program: I understand that the Washington Workshops Foundation congressional seminar is an academic program and the highest level of behavior is required and expected. I will fully read, understand, agree to, and sign these seminar standards which will be included in the information packet that each student will receive shortly after enrollment with the Washington Workshops Foundation. I fully understand that violation of seminar standards may result in my removal from the program and that all costs associated with removal or separation from the group will be my and/or my parent or guardian's financial responsibility. You may obtain a copy of the seminar standards at www.workshops.org or by calling 1-800-368-5688 to request a copy to be mailed to you.

Participants are liable for any property damage to the housing facility they may incur during residence.

NSCDA CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR ESSAY RULES & INFORMATION

The NSCDA invites essays by current high school students in grades 9 through 12. Winners must be 16 years of age or older by the start of the seminar the summer after the application deadline.

The deadline to submit is 11:59 PM on December 1.

- Essays are judged by their content (focus, accuracy, clarity, and logic), form (grammar, punctuation, and word choice), and individuality (structure, context, persuasion, and style).
- Each student must submit an application form, essay, and list of sources in the MLA or Chicago citation styles.
 - Note to teachers:
 - If students are participating as part of a class or school project, please note that all students must submit an individual application form and essay.
 - Teachers assigning this essay as part of a class or school project should filter the top ten essays to submit to the Congressional Seminar Essay Contest for consideration.
- The essay should be submitted in 12 pt Times New Roman font. The essays must be typed, double-spaced, and, if printed, on one side of the page only. Add the student name and email as a header in the upper right-hand corner of the essay and repeat it on every page.
- Do not attach or insert pictures or add any color text or images to any pages.
- Essays must be 750 words or fewer, excluding the sources cited.
- The title of the essay must be the same as the essay topic for the given year.
- Email or mail your application and essay to your local/State NSCDA Congressional Essay Chair or Patriotic Service Chair as directed.
 - If you do not have a Colonial Dame contact for your State please deposit this form and your essay in this Dropbox folder: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/3IPK0RMoeIPhOAWAjA1a> SAVE AS the file name: State Abbreviation-Student Last Name-Student First Name.PDF (ex: VA-Dorsey-Samantha.PDF)
- Students submitting physical copies of their application and essay should send three copies of each essay to their designated State Patriotic Service or Essay Chair.
- If you have any questions, please email dames@nscda.org. Reference “Congressional Seminar Essay Contest” in the subject line of the email and in the body of the email give your full name, city and state, email(s) and phone contact(s).

Please note: Children and grandchildren of active NSCDA members are encouraged to submit essays and may participate in the Seminar as Legacy Scholars at their family's expense. They are not eligible for scholarships awarded to Congressional Essay Contest winners.