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ESSAY TOPIC

The Declaration of Independence famously asserts that governments derive their just powers “from the consent of the governed.” How did the Founders address the issue of consent through representation in the Constitution, and do you see the need for any changes today?

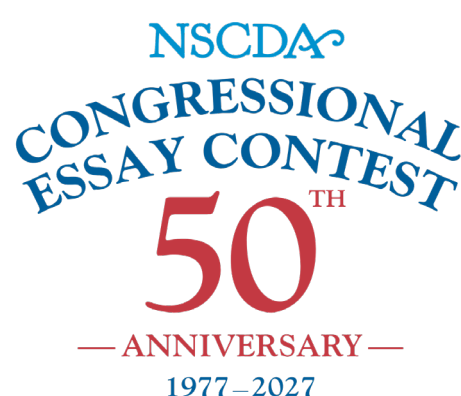


CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Serve in a Model Congress and gain understanding of the working of the U.S. Congress.
- Engage with other scholars from across the country with different views and perspectives.
- Experience the art of compromise and coalition building.
- Sharpen your research and public speaking skills.
- Enhance your resume and college applications.
- Enjoy access to world class museums, congressional offices, and memorable tours.
- Enjoy free campus housing, free meals, and free transportation on all excursions.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- Essays are due by December 1, 2026
- Open to grades 9-12
- 750 word maximum



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