

National Sojourners 2023 Essay Contest

THIS "AUTHORIZED COVER SHEET" MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT FOR THE ESSAY TO BE A WINNER!!!

Prizes

1 st Place	\$3000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
2 nd Place	\$2000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
3 rd Place	\$1000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque

Theme -- A Guiding Light

BACKGROUND: A few years ago, it was my privilege to host a senior NATO officer from a foreign country and to drive him in the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach. During our time together I learned that he had been stationed in the Middle East and had been a part of a group that helped construct a foundation that would organize a government amid its own war. The country that we were discussing had never had a document that would serve both as a structure of government and a means to provide protection for its the population. My guest told me that he used a particular document that had stood for over 200 years. This document was developed by a group of people who yearned to be free following a revolution – the United States Constitution. For over 200 years now, that document has served as a guiding light for the world and incorporated a means to change itself over time to meet the needs of a growing country with a widely diverse population of many religions, ethnic and racial groups.

Prompt: Describe a document, law, Supreme Court Decision, or an Amendment to the Constitution that has had a similar impact both in our country and to the community of nations.

Rules & Essay Details Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9th to 12th grades, including home schooled students. Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter by Dec. 15, 2022 using this "Authorized Cover Sheet," filled out clearly and completely. Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters, received at National by Jan. 15th, 2023.

Mandatory - Essay must satisfy the following requirements to be winners - Mandatory

Must be typed, 300 – 500 words long, & include word count; Must cite & footnote facts/quotations & include bibliography

Must include student's name on first page of actual essay and on bibliography [for tracking purposes]

Must be turned into and forwarded by your National Sojourners Chapter to be selected as winners

Student Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____

[Please use "nmi" for "no middle initial"]

Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: _____ Word Count - Mandatory: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Address Continued: _____ Email: _____

Your School's Name: _____ Your Year in School [9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th]: _____

Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

[1st Chapter Hint: Fill Chapter Information out completely and neatly before copying form for local distribution.]

[2nd Chapter Hint: Please make sure the MANDATORY rules outlined above are followed, as an essay does not compete if it is not complete. Thanks.]

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