

# Constitution Commemoration Day

## 2008 ESSAY CONTEST

**Submission Deadline: 5:00PM, September 9th, Coronado High School, 2501 North 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale**

**Awards Ceremony: 5:30-8:30PM, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Scottsdale Civic Center Plaza, 3839 Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale**

**Theme: *Discovering Our American Spirit: Constitutional Principles That Guide Us***

1. Essay Contest is open to:
  - a) Students, elementary through high school, enrolled in public, private, charter, or home schools, or residing within the boundaries of the Scottsdale, Cave Creek, Fountain Hills, or Paradise Valley Unified School Districts .
  - b) Students from certain other invited schools as agreed upon by the Committee.
  
2. Essay *Maximum* Length – one 8.5” x 11” page. Type size and line spacing are optional, but attention should be paid to presentation, legibility, and content.
  - a) Grades K-3 – May be handwritten or typed
  - b) Grades 4-12 – Must be typed
  
3. Essay Identification Information
  - a) The following information must be printed on the back of the essay: student’s name, address, phone number (including area code), school, grade level, and teacher’s name.
  - b) A Student Submission Form (obtained through schools or downloaded from website at [www.CCDScottsdale.com](http://www.CCDScottsdale.com)) should accompany each essay.
  - c) In order to ensure fairness, the student’s name should NOT appear anywhere on the front of the essay.
  - d) Essays with names on the front or essays containing artwork or other decoration are subject to disqualification at the discretion of the judging committee.

4. Each essay must be the original work of just one student. No “group” or “team” essays will be accepted.
5. Criteria for final judging
  - a) Attention to theme
  - b) Originality
  - c) Spelling, grammar, and punctuation
  - d) Adherence to contest rules
6. Essay Submission Date
  - a) Essays must be received by 5:00 pm, September 9, 2008
  - b) Entries received beyond deadline will not be considered
  - c) Entries will not be returned
  - d) Essay may be mailed to:  
Essay Contest Judging Committee  
Coronado High School  
Attention: Janet Vickers  
2501 North 74<sup>th</sup> Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 85267

**Cash prizes!!!**  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each grade**

**Further information, helpful links, and entry forms available at**  
**[www.CCDScottsdale.com](http://www.CCDScottsdale.com)**