



ENTRY RULES

1. The O'Connor Civics Challenge (“Contest”) is open to all United States students currently in 6th, 7th and 8th grade.
2. The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy (“Institute”) is the sponsor and promoter of the Contest.
3. Registrations and submissions for the 4th annual contest will be accepted from **September 26, 2022 through March 31, 2023**. One (1) submission per student is allowed.
4. Categories for submission include:
 - a. Video (up to three minutes in length)
 - b. Original Song (written lyrics or audio or video file up to three minutes in length)
 - c. Poetry (written or via video up to three minutes in length)
 - d. Written Essay (no more than 1,000 words)
 - e. Mixed Media Artwork (Poster, Painting, Sculpture. High quality, well-lit photo of the entry required)
5. **The Civics Challenge topics include:**
 - a. Legislative Branch
 - b. Executive Branch
 - c. Judicial Branch
 - d. Citizenship: Rights, Duties & Responsibilities
 - e. Checks & Balances
 - f. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
6. Entrants must complete and submit the Contest registration form prior to completing their submission in order to be eligible to earn a prize. This includes all entries posted online with the Contest hashtag, #OConnorCivicsChallenge.
7. Entrants may receive a maximum of one prize per person.
8. **Student Prizes:** A total of nine (9) prizes will be awarded. One (1) first place, one (1) second place, and one (1) third place winner for each of the three (3) grade levels.
 - a. The first place prize for each grade level is a MacBook Pro 13-inch display, retail value \$1,299.
 - b. The second place prize is an iPad Pro 11-inch 256 BG with Wi-Fi (no Cellular), retail value \$899.
 - c. The third place prize for each grade level is an iPad 256GB with Wi-Fi (no Cellular), retail value \$479.Total retail value (not including tax or shipping) of all prizes to be awarded is \$8,031.00. Warranties for the products are available only from the manufacturer, not from the Institute.
9. **Teacher Prizes:** The Institute will award up to \$10,000 in \$100 gift cards to teachers whose students participate. To be eligible for the gift card, teachers must complete an online registration form and have a minimum of 25% of their overall student count registered to participate by contest deadline.
10. Teachers who have a student or students earn one of the nine (9) prizes will receive one (1) additional \$250 gift card. Maximum of \$350 per teacher.
11. Overall, up to \$12,250 in gift cards may be awarded to eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade teachers.
12. In order to create opportunities for more students, previous O'Connor Civics Challenge first place (1st) winners are not eligible to enter.
13. Videos must not exceed a total of three (3) minutes in length. Any video submitted exceeding three (3) minutes will be immediately disqualified. Essays submitted exceeding 1,000 words will be disqualified.
14. Winners will be selected based on merit, i.e. the quality of the submitted video, song, poem, essay or mixed media project. This is further broken down by: the submissions educational content and accuracy (50%); creativity

(30%) and effectiveness in explaining the chosen subject matter (20%). Each entry will be judged by a panel of Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy staff members with a panel of leading civics educators.

15. Entrants must include a signed Parental Consent Form when submitting a video.
16. Residents of any of the 50 states or the District of Columbia within the United States of America are eligible to participate in the Contest.
17. No purchase necessary.
18. All prizes listed above will be awarded.
19. Winners will be determined within 30 days of the end of the Contest.
20. Prizes will be mailed to winners within 30 days of the Contest winners announcement by UPS, FedEx, United States Postal Service, or other package delivery service.
21. PR, Publicity, Promotion; Use of Personal Information Release. By participating in the Contest, each participant and winner waives any and all claims of liability against the Institute, its employees and agents, the Contest's sponsors and their respective employees and agents, for any personal injury or loss which may occur from the conduct of, or participation in, the Contest, or from the use of any prize.
By entering a submission to the O'Connor Civics Challenge, you grant the SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY (O'CONNOR INSTITUTE) permission to use any portion or all of the submission (including edited versions or combined with other entries) as well as your name, voice, photograph, and likeness for the purpose of completing print and electronic publications that may be used for education and development projects of the O'CONNOR INSTITUTE. You also give consent for your name to be used in newspaper articles, magazine articles, websites, social media accounts or other similar publications to promote the O'CONNOR CIVICS CHALLENGE, CAMP O'CONNOR, and the O'CONNOR INSTITUTE and its public web sites in reference to your direct involvement in this education-related activity. You also agree that your name, voice and image (photograph or video) may be posted to the O'CONNOR INSTITUTE websites or social media accounts for informational purposes regarding your involvement in a particular activity or event, or used in a Public Service Announcement, radio announcement, television commercial, social media accounts or television program, and any other production by or for the O'CONNOR INSTITUTE, and that this may be done free and clear of any claim whatsoever by Parent/Guardian or child, without any compensation, and without cost to the O'CONNOR INSTITUTE.
22. Taxes. Any valuation of the prize(s) stated above is based on available information provided to the Institute, and the value of any prize awarded to a winner may be reported for tax purposes as required by law. Each winner is solely responsible for reporting and paying any and all applicable taxes related to the prize(s) and paying any expenses associated with any prize which are not specifically provided for in the official rules. Each winner must provide the Institute with valid identification and a valid taxpayer identification number or social security number before any prize will be awarded.
23. Conduct, Judging, and Decisions. By participating in the Contest, participants agree to be bound by the decisions of Institute personnel. Persons who violate any rule, gain unfair advantage in participating in the Contest, or obtain winner status using fraudulent means will be disqualified. Unsportsmanlike, disruptive, annoying, harassing or threatening behavior is prohibited. The Institute will interpret these rules and resolve any disputes, conflicting claims or ambiguities concerning the rules or the Contest, and the Institute's decisions concerning such disputes shall be final. If the conduct or outcome of the Contest is affected by human error, any mechanical malfunctions or failures of any kind, intentional interference or any event beyond the control of the Institute, the Institute reserves the right to terminate this Contest, or make such other decisions regarding the outcome as the Institute deems appropriate. All decisions will be made by the Institute and are final. The Institute may waive any of these rules in its sole discretion.
24. Miscellaneous. Void where prohibited. Odds of winning depend upon the number of participants. All videos submitted for the Contest become the property of the Institute.
25. Employees, officers, directors and agents of the Institute and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate in the Contest. Immediate family members include spouses, (biological, adoptive and step-) parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and those living in the same household (whether related or not).
26. A list of winners can be obtained by contacting the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy, Post Office Box 66422, Phoenix, AZ 85082, or via email: info@oconnorinstitute.org after May 1, 2023.

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