



ENTRY RULES

1. The O'Connor Civics Challenge ("Contest") is open to all United States students entering the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade in Fall 2021.
2. The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute For American Democracy ("Institute") is the sponsor and promoter of the Contest.
3. The 2021 Contest will run from May 15 – July 15, 2021.
4. Entrants may submit up to six videos, one video per category.
5. Entrants must complete and submit the Contest registration form prior to submitting their video in order to be eligible to win. This includes all entries posted online with the Contest hashtag, #OConnorCivicsChallenge.
6. Entrants may receive a maximum of one prize per person, as specified below, in a single category.
7. A total of 20 prizes will be awarded. For the following categories: **Checks & Balances, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, Citizenship**; one (1) first place, one (1) second place, one (1) third place, and one (1) fourth place honorable mention winner for each of the four grade levels. Sixteen (16) total prizes will be awarded for the above listed categories.
 - The first place prize for each grade level is a MacBook Pro 13-inch display, retail value \$1,299.
 - The second place prize is an iPad Pro 11-inch with Wi-Fi (no Cellular), retail value \$899.
 - The third place prize for each grade level is an iPad 128GB with Wi-Fi (no Cellular), retail value \$429.
 - The fourth place honorable mention prize for each grade level is Beats Solo Pro Wireless Noise Cancelling Headphones, retail value \$299.95.For the **Sandra Day O'Connor** category (new for 2021), four prizes: one (1) first place, one (1) second place, one (1) third place, and one (1) fourth place honorable mention winner will be awarded, in addition to the above listed categories. Entries for all grade levels will be collectively reviewed. A total of four (4) prizes will be awarded for the Sandra Day O'Connor category.

Total retail value (not including tax or shipping) of all prizes to be awarded is \$14,634.75. Warranties for the products are available only from the manufacturer, not from the Institute.
8. In order to create opportunities for more students, previous O'Connor Civics Challenge first place (1st) winners are ineligible to enter.
9. Videos must not exceed a total of three (3) minutes in length. Any video submitted exceeding three (3) minutes will be immediately disqualified.

10. Winners will be selected based on merit, i.e. the quality of the submitted video. This is further broken down into: the video's educational content and accuracy (40%); the video's sound and video quality (20%); the video's creativity, effectiveness in engaging the viewer, entertainment value, and the speaker's enthusiasm (40%). Each entry will be judged by a panel of staff members from the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute For American Democracy and a panel of civics education leaders.
11. Entrants must include a signed Parental Consent Form when submitting their video.
12. 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.
13. No purchase necessary.
14. All prizes listed above will be awarded.
15. 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.
16. Winners will be determined within 30 days of the end of the Contest.
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **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.
21. 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).
22. 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 August 31, 2021.