



THE
Citizenship
Challenge

Write an Essay!



GET INVOLVED!

Enter your class with a written essay on an issue facing our democracy.

Open to 4th and 5th grade classes in public, private, parochial schools or home-schooled in the 5 County Philadelphia area (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 11, 2022

1 GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000

Check payable to the winning school to be used toward a program that promotes civic learning and engagement in the student body.

3 RUNNER-UP PRIZES: \$500

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More Information at [RendellCenter.org](https://rendellcenter.org)

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Inspiring the Next Generation of Citizens



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OFFICIAL RULES AND ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

The Citizenship Challenge is an opportunity for 4-5th grade classrooms in public, private, or parochial schools 5 County Philadelphia area (Bucks County, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia County) to express themselves regarding a current issue facing our democracy. Students in teams or individually will be asked to write an essay that addresses their point of view on the issue. Essays should take one position and defend the argument in a concise written document of a minimum of 300 words.

This Year's Citizenship Challenge Question:

What should be the 28th Amendment to the Constitution? Think of a right or freedom that you believe needs to be protected or a part of the Constitution that needs to be changed. Is there a new power or limit on power that needs to be added to the Constitution? Draft a proposed amendment to the Constitution that addresses:

Why is your proposed amendment needed? What is the problem you are addressing? Why is an amendment to the Constitution the best way to solve the problem?

WHO CAN ENTER:

The Citizenship Challenge contest is open to students/classes in grades 4-5 who are enrolled in public, private, parochial schools or who are home-schooled in the Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia County.

HOW TO ENTER:

The deadline for submissions is November 11, 2022. Have your voice heard! Classes should submit their entry in an essay form and may include a supplemental PowerPoint or video. Essays should be at least 300 words. Essays should be double-spaced using Times New Roman 12pt. Essays should include a cover sheet with the following information:

School name | Grade level | Teacher's name | Teacher's email | School phone number | Class size

Essays need to be submitted by midnight on November 11, 2022 to bspecker@rendellcenter.org or mailed to:

Beth Specker

c/o The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement

PO Box 1033, Berwyn, PA 19312

Once your entry has been submitted, you will receive confirmation that the judging committee has received your submission. If you have any questions about your submission, contact Beth Specker, Executive Director, The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement at bspecker@rendellcenter.org or call 484-568-3910 or visit our web site at:

<https://rendellcenter.org/experiential-learning/citizenship-challenge-2022/> for additional information.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The essays will be judged on the four areas of Focus, Content Development, Organization, and Style. Each area will be worth 25 points.

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