Hello educators, students, parents, and fans of American civics!

The United States Courts of Appeals along with the United States District Courts in the Seventh and Eighth Circuits are hosting the fifth annual Bill of Rights Day contest and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Students in grades 5-12 from Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are encouraged to submit art and essays on the importance of the Bill of Rights. Be as creative as you like!

A grand prize winner from each grade level category will be awarded a $500 cash prize, be able to take part in a virtual event on Wednesday, December 4 with Federal Judges and other legal experts on the enduring rights afforded to Americans by the Bill of Rights, *and* have their name and submission shared on the websites of the participating United States District Courts. Finalists from each grade level category will receive a $50 prize.

There are four grade level categories: Grade 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12.

Submissions will be accepted during the fall semester, **through 5:00pm on Friday, November 1, 2024.**

Finalists will be notified by Thanksgiving and grand prize winners will be announced at the virtual event on December 4. Must be present to win the grand prize.

**Detailed contest prompts, guidelines, and online submission form can be found here:** [www.JudicialLearningCenter.org/bill-of-rights-day](http://www.JudicialLearningCenter.org/bill-of-rights-day)

Even if you don’t choose to enter the contest, all are welcome for the virtual event on December 4 at 6 pm Central/7 pm Eastern. There will be chances to win additional prizes!

Event registration is required. Register here: [www.JudicialLearningCenter.org/bill-of-rights-day](http://www.JudicialLearningCenter.org/bill-of-rights-day)

**Teachers** - Be sure to tell your students to list you on their submission forms!  All teacher names submitted will be entered into a raffle for valuable gift cards. The more students you have enter the more chances you have to win. NOTE: There is a bulk-submit option for teachers. Contact us through the website for instructions on how to submit for your entire class. **Teachers are strongly encouraged to use the bulk-submit option if multiple students are entering.**

**Please forward and share this announcement with other teachers and students who may be interested.**

Sincerely,

The Honorable Stephanie M. Rose, the Honorable Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger,

The Honorable Stephen H. Locher, The Honorable Helen C. Adams, The Honorable, William P. Kelly, The Honorable Stephen B. Jackson Jr.