



Hagerstown TEA Party

US Constitutional Scholarships

Please select from one of the following questions to answer and choose the format for your project:

Essay, Artistic Design, Technical Presentation or Performance

All applications must be received by March 22, 2018 and projects delivered by April 26, 2018

Questions:

1. Explain and identify some of the greatest challenges in American citizenship today.

- A) What does the 14th amendment say about US citizenship?
How does this conflict with issues regarding illegal aliens that is being referred to as immigration?
- B) Would you support a constitutional amendment to alter the natural born citizenship clause of the 14th amendment?
Why or why not?
- C) How can citizens participate in politics at the local level?
Be sure to cite specific examples.

2. According to the US Constitution describe and identify the role of the US Supreme Court.

- A) Differentiate between judicial activism and judicial restraint. Which method do you think is more pertinent for the Court today?
- B) Why do you think Article III is the shortest of all the articles describing the three branches of government?

Despite the shortness, do you think the power of the Court has expanded too much? Explain.
- C) Considering originalism and living Constitution theory, which theory do you think is more pertinent for the Court today and is this in line with what our Founders had intended?

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3. Through a process of debate and compromise, Federalists verses anti-Federalists, the Founding Fathers created The Constitution with the addition of the Bill of Rights as a means to protect our citizens from an over reaching government and therefore enabled the passage of The US Constitution.

- A)** Select one of The Rights identified in the Bill of Rights that you feel is currently under attack / assault and explain how you would defend your position to uphold and protect this specific right.
- B)** Is the Bill of rights a document that gives rights to the people or a document that limits the government or both?
Explain with reasoning.
- C)** Why was the Bill of Rights so important to Anti-Federalists at the time of the Constitutional Convention?
What were their main arguments for insisting that a Bill of Rights be added to the Constitution before ratification?
Why was this insistence significant?