

National Sojourners 2021 Essay Contest

THIS "AUTHORIZED COVER SHEET" MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT FOR THE ESSAY TO BE A WINNER!!!

Prizes

1 st Place	\$3000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
2 nd Place	\$2000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
3 rd Place	\$1000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque

Theme – A More Perfect Union

BACKGROUND: Located inside the Rotunda of the Capitol Building is a statue that originally stood in the Hall of the House of Representatives. This statue, placed there in 1819, is of Clio, the Muse of History, standing in a chariot holding a tablet on which, it is said, she is recording what happens in that hall of government. Called *The Car of History*, the chariot also contains a clock added in 1837, which serves to remind everyone that as time passes our actions are recorded and will be judged by the generations yet to come.

Question

As you begin your journey into higher education and start making decisions as to how you plan to take your place in "The American Experiment," how will Clio record your choices and actions as they relate to the success of your community and your country in these turbulent times?

What would you like Clio to write about what you did to make a difference?

Rules & Essay Details

Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9th to 12th grades, including home schooled students. Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter by Dec. 15, 2020 using this "Authorized Cover Sheet," filled out clearly and completely. Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters, received at National by Jan. 15th, 2021.

Mandatory - Essay must satisfy the following requirements to be winners - Mandatory

- Must be typed, 300 – 500 words long, & include word count; Must cite & footnote facts/quotations & include bibliography
- Must include student's name on first page of actual essay and on bibliography [for tracking purposes]
- Must be turned into and forwarded by your National Sojourners Chapter to be selected as winners

Student Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____
[Please use "nmi" for "no middle initial"]
Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: _____ **Word Count - Mandatory:** _____
Home Mailing Address: _____
Home Address Continued: _____ Email: _____
Your School's Name: _____ **Your Year in School [9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th]:** _____

Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

[1st Chapter Hint: Fill Chapter Information out **completely** and **neatly** before copying form for local distribution.]

[2nd Chapter Hint: Please make sure the **MANDATORY** rules outlined above are followed, as an essay does not **compete** if it is not **complete**. Thanks.]

National Sojourners Chapter Name and Number: _____
Chapter Point of Contact Name: _____
Chapter Point of Contact Home Phone Number [required for contact]: _____
Chapter Point of Contact Address: _____
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