

# National Sojourners 2023 Essay Contest

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

## Prizes

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

## Theme – A Guiding Light

**BACKGROUND:** A few years ago, it was my privilege to host a senior NATO officer from a foreign country and to drive him in the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach. During our time together I learned that he had been stationed in the Middle East and had been a part of a group that helped construct a foundation that would organize a government amid its own war. The country that we were discussing had never had a document that would serve both as a structure of government and a means to provide protection for its the population. My guest told me that he used a particular document that had stood for over 200 years. This document was developed by a group of people who yearned to be free following a revolution – the United States Constitution. For over 200 years now, that document has served as a guiding light for the world and incorporated a means to change itself over time to meet the needs of a growing country with a widely diverse population of many religions, ethnic and racial groups.

**Prompt:** Describe a document, law, Supreme Court Decision, or an Amendment to the Constitution that has had a similar impact both in our country and to the community of nations.

**Rules & Essay Details** Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, including home schooled students. Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter by Dec. 15, 2022 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. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **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 [9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup>]:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely**

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

[2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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