



CONSTITUTION WEEK COMMITTEE

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CONSTITUTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST – 2022/2023

Celebrate the Spirit and/or Meaning of the U.S. Constitution

DAR and non-DAR members are INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE Constitution Week Poster Contest. So, grab your favorite art tools and plan your project!

CONTEST ENTRY RULES:

WHO:

1. All entrants who are **DAR members** should notify their chapter Constitution Week chair and/or their chapter regent of their contest participation. The chapter should record for credit on the CMR.
2. All entrants who are **non-DAR members** must be sponsored by a DAR chapter.

WHAT:

1. All entries **must be an original art piece created by the entrant.**
2. All entries **must be an original art piece created by hand.**
3. All entries **must measure 11"x17"**.
4. All entries **must NOT include matting.**
5. All entries **must not include canvas framing.**
6. All entries **must lay flat with no raised surfaces as a means to accommodate ease of copying/printing.**
7. All entries **must illustrate the "spirit and/or meaning of the U.S. Constitution.**
8. All entries **must display the words: "Constitution Week, September 17-23."**
9. All entries **must NOT include the year.**
10. All entries **must utilize one of the following mediums and/or any combination thereof:**
 - a. Acrylic paint
 - b. Watercolor
 - c. Crayon
 - d. Markers
 - e. Pens
 - f. Pencils
 - g. Charcoal (with protective coating)
 - h. Pastels (with protective coating)
 - i. Paper
 - j. Text and/or images cut from printed materials such as newspapers and magazines (you will need to include the original cover page of your resource for each with your submission).
11. All entries **MUST NOT INCLUDE** copies of any kind.
12. All entries **MUST NOT INCLUDE** text and/or images created with assistance of computer generated drafting tools, enhanced through Photoshop, or printed copies found through using a computer.
13. All entries **MUST NOT VIOLATE** the U.S. Flag Code.
14. All entries **must depict one of the following genre's** and or any combination thereof:
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Still life
 - c. Realism
 - d. Portrait
 - e. Collage
 - f. Impressionist
 - g. Traditional
 - h. New school
 - i. Dot work
15. All entries may be in color or black and white.
16. Each entrant may submit up to 2 entries.



- 17. Entrant must surrender the original art piece.
- 18. NO COPIES OF ORIGINAL ART PIECES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- 19. Each original art piece MUST be accompanied by 1 entry form – 2 original art pieces, 2 entry forms.

WHEN/WHERE:

- 1. All entries must be received by the chapter Constitution Week chair or chapter regent by January 1.
- 2. All entries must be received by the state Constitution Week chair by January 15. (When deadline falls on Sunday or a holiday, plan accordingly and have entry received before the 15th.)
- 3. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED.**

WHY:

- 1. The state Constitution Week chair will select three judges (**other than** herself).
- 2. The judges will select a First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention. These winners will be honored at the state level.
- 3. The state Constitution Week chair will forward the poster chosen as First on to their respective Division Vice Chair by February 25. There will be 5 – 7 Firsts, depending on Division)
- 4. The division Vice Chair will select three judges (**other than** herself).
- 5. The judges will select a First and the Division Vice Chair will forward the poster chosen as First on to the National Chair by March 15. There will be a total of 8 First place winners.
- 6. 7. The National Chair will select three judges (**other than** herself).
- 7. The judges will select a First (1 National winner). The entrant will be notified and prints will be made available for sale at the DAR Store by the opening of Continental Congress that year.

HOW:

- 1. All entries are part of one category.
- 2. All entries are judged using the same guidelines.
- 3. All entries are judged with a point of potential of 100.
- 4. Guidelines for judging entries are as follows:
 - a. Originality (1-15 points)
 - b. Adherence to rules of medium and genre (1-10 points)
 - c. Adherence to the “spirit and/or meaning of the U.S. Constitution” (1-10 points)
 - d. Composition (readable utilization of genre/s) (1-10 points)
 - e. Continuity (readable utilization of genre/s) (1-10 points)
 - f. Spelling and punctuation (1-10 points)
 - g. Grammar (1-10 points)
 - h. Historical consistency (1-25 points)



CONSTITUTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of entrant _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Chapter Location _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Code _____

I (entrant) hereby state that I have created the original art piece, and in signing below, I grant permission to the National Society to REPRODUCE my entry FOR SALE.

_____ Entrant Signature, Member # _____ (if applicable)

_____ Parent or Guardian signature (if entrant under 18 years old)

Celebrate our Stars and Stripes! Celebrate Constitution Week!