

University of Houston-Victoria
Constitution Day Scholarship Competition
ESSAY Entry Form

1. Print Entry Form and complete the information requested.
2. Staple the Entry Form to your essay. Remember, the essay should not have your name printed on it.
3. Place the completed Entry Form and essay in an envelope and follow the mailing instructions below.

DEADLINE:
September 13, 2011
5:00 p.m.

UHV Staff: Received by _____ **Date:** _____ **Entry #** _____

Please print neatly (pen only) or type. Illegible entries may be disqualified.

Name: _____

Phone (daytime): _____ Email: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Location (address): _____

Location (city, state, zip): _____

Major: _____

How did you find out about the competition? _____

I certify that my essay is my own original work and that I cited any external sources I used. I authorize the University of Houston-Victoria to use and edit this entry for publication on the university website and to use my name, likeness, and major for publicizing and promoting this competition.

Signature: _____

Entries must be mailed or delivered in person to:

Jaguar Hall
 Student Life & Services
 2705 Houston Hwy.
 Victoria, TX 77901

Entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

All entries must be your original work and created for the purpose of this competition. No entries previously published or submitted will be accepted. No commercially created work will be accepted.

Entries must be 1300-1500 words and exhibit college-level writing. Essays should be submitted with this ESSAY Entry Form. The writer's name should not appear on the essay itself so that the entries can be judged anonymously. Entries must be suitable for publication on the UHV website.

Winner will be notified via phone and email by 5:00 p.m, Thurs., September 15, 2011.
 The winning entry will be published on the UHV website Fri., September 16, 2011.

Entries must adhere to applicable copyright and fair-use laws and must contain appropriate acknowledgements and permissions. It is the responsibility of the writer to exhibit honesty and respect for others' intellectual property, meaning, in short, that the writer should cite any external sources, if used, using APA or MLA style.

Judging Criteria [Essay Topic: United States Constitution: Still Relevant after 220 Years?]	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
Originality/Creativity: The audience was engaged and informed. The paper opened minds to new possibilities, provided unique insights, or created new knowledge.	1-7	8-14	15-20	21-25
Technical Merit: The essay was well designed and well planned. The essay flowed smoothly and was grammatically and mechanically sound. The writer developed a genuine and polished voice.	1-7	8-14	15-20	21-25
Content/Theme: The essay remained on topic. The ideas were supported by thoughtful analysis or research; there are no gaps or contradictions. The conclusions were logical.	1-7	8-14	15-20	21-25
Comprehension/Discernment: The essay conveyed a complex, mature, and insightful understanding of the Constitution, its history, and its application. The writer avoided naïve statements or misconceptions and portrayed the Constitution accurately.	1-7	8-14	15-20	21-25