

National Civics Bee® Mail-In Application Form



INSTRUCTIONS

Students without internet or computer access may complete this form and mail it, postmarked by the entry deadline, to the following address:

National Civics Bee
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, #27720
Washington, DC 20038

Entrants must provide the required information below to be considered.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Address Line 1: _____

Home Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of School: _____

School Type: _____ Grade: _____
(public, private, charter, etc.)

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

How did you hear about the National Civics Bee?

Teacher Parent Other: _____

In one or two words, what topic best fits your essay:

PRIVACY POLICY – PLEASE CONFIRM

We will only use the information you provide consistent with the terms of our [Privacy Policy](#), including to identify your National Civics Bee® essay. We will inform your parent or guardian (using the contact information you provide) whether you are selected as a finalist or if we need any additional information.

I understand and will follow the Essay Round Rules. In addition, my parent or guardian has consented to my application to the National Civics Bee, and the related processing and collecting of information about and provided by me.

WHY WERE YOU UNABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY ONLINE? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I had difficulties accessing the internet.

I do not have access to a computer.

Other (explain): _____

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ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Write a (4) paragraph essay by responding to each question below. Review the [2026 Essay Application Guide](#) for tips, definitions, and resources to help write your responses.

01

IDENTIFY a specific opportunity, problem, or challenge in your community. What is something in your school, neighborhood, or town that could be improved? This could be anything from making your school more welcoming, improving local parks, supporting small businesses, or helping neighbors in need. **(100–150 words)**

[illegible]

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02

DESCRIBE the steps you would take to make this change. What will you do to make a positive impact, and why does it matter? Think about realistic actions—something you or a small group could actually do. **(150–200 words)**

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03

FIND support to help you bring your idea to life. Who could help you, and how would they contribute? Think about student groups, teachers, local businesses, community organizations, city leaders, or others. **(100–150 words)**

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CONNECT to Founding Principles and Civic Virtues. How does your idea reflect the Founding Principles and Civic Virtues of our country?
(150–250 words)

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