

National Sojourners 2018 Essay Contest

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

Prizes

1 st Place	\$2000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
2 nd Place	\$1000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
3 rd Place	\$500 Check and National Sojourners Plaque

Theme – A More Perfect Union

BACKGROUND: The American experiment in self-government began in 1776, and continued through the development and ratification of the United States Constitution. Our country, led by a widely disparate group of individuals, was formed as a more perfect union. Each of these men and women brought to the table beliefs and theories of government that, taken separately, would have been a guarantee of failure. Yet somehow, these same beliefs and theories combined to serve as a basis for a government that has remained vital and relevant for more than 240 years.

Sir Winston Churchill once stated: "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

Question

What lessons have we learned from this experiment and how can we ensure that our "more perfect union" will continue to flourish for the next two hundred years?

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 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, 2018

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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