

National Sojourners 2019 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: David McCullough said “How can we know who we are and where we are headed if we don’t know where we have come from? How can we call ourselves patriots if we know little of our country’s past?” He goes on to say that “I have decided that the digital watch is the perfect symbol of an imbalance in outlook in our day. It tells us only what time it is now, at this instant, as if that were all anyone would wish or need to know.”

Question

With the exception of July 4th, 1776, what would you say is the most pivotal event or moment in the history of our nation that has proven critical to what our country has become or what we hope our country will become and why?

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, 2019

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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