

Essay Competition Rubric:

1. As stated in the rules, essays are submitted using MS Word or Adobe Acrobat pdf, with Times New Roman/12 Font, double-spaced, at approximately 1000 to 1250 words (4 to 5 pages). A reference list is included for any sources cited.

2. Grading includes the following qualities of good writing:

- a. Relevant to the Central Question.
- b. Good diction and descriptive language.
- c. Sound, logical reasoning and point of view.
- d. Relevant facts and content part of the essay.
- e. Interesting ideas within the legal framework of the Constitution.

3. Clear and complete writing and analysis skills, per Colorado Department of Education writing standards (Common Core) for the 11th Grade. The standards are located at the CDE web address, <https://www.cde.state.co.us/coreadingwriting/statestandards>.