**FAQ: Your questions answered….**

**Is a title required for my entry?**

*No. Titles are not required for entries and will not be part of the evaluation process.*

**Will my entry be disqualified if I go over the word limit?**

*Unfortunately, yes. This is required to help ensure no entry has an unfair advantage over another due to length. Please adhere to the 800 word limit as given.*

**Do I need a Works Cited section/page with my entry?**

*We do not require a Works Cited page or section for Contest entries, but we have provided a “Sources” box for you to use. If you use quotes from individuals or research, simple citations in your essay will suffice as well. For example:*

* An example of what I am referring to comes from James Madison when he said in Federalist #51, “If men were angels, no government would be necessary.”
* “If men were angels, no government would be necessary.” (James Madison, 1788)

*Either format for citing sources used in your entry will suffice.*

**What are the essay prizes?**

* *1st Place – $5,000 and a scholarship to Constitutional Academy*
* *Runners Up – Six prizes at $1,250 each*
* *Honorable Mentions – Eight prizes at $500 each*

***What are the judges looking for?***

*We the Students Scholarship Contest submissions will focus on the ideas of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and their relevance today. A well-written essay will completely adhere to the topic and fully answer all parts of the question. Judges are looking for the following:*

* adherence to the Essay Guidelines (as stated in Section III of the Rules and Regulations)
* depth of analysis of documents and enduring importance
* strength of personal response
* originality
* organization
* writing style

**How long does my essay have to be?**

*500-800 words*

**When will the winners be announced?**

*Winners for the Bill of Rights Institute’s We the Students Scholarship Contest will be announced on this website on or before April 20, 2018.*

**Can I use sources beyond those provided to me?**

*Yes, you can use other sources in your essay beyond those that are provided to you.*