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Idaho High Schoolers Invited to Explore U.S. History and the Constitution with the 2024 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest

(BOISE) – Idaho high school students with an interest in United States history and the Constitution are again invited to submit their essay or video entries to the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest.

The contest is sponsored by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is open to all Idaho high school students in grades 9 – 12 attending public, private, charter or parochial schools. Homeschool students are also invited to apply. This year’s contest theme, “70 Years Later – The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education,” asks students to take a deep dive into how this momentous Supreme Court decision has shaped the American cultural and political landscape.

Students may work individually or in groups of up to three to produce a 3 to 5 minute video presentation or may work individually to submit an essay of 500 to 1,000 words. Last year Idaho student Ayden Kelly of Moscow High School took top honors in the local essay contest and Delaney Blenkinsop of Boise High School swept the local video portion of the contest.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho will conduct the local selection process to identify Idaho’s finalists for the circuit-wide competition. Local district winners in each category will receive cash prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third. Contest finalists will be announced in May. Idaho’s winners will be announced in June and their work will be submitted for consideration in the circuit-wide contest.

[Click here](#) to learn more about 2024 contest rules or to access the application. The deadline to apply is March 8.

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