



The National Civic Legacy Writing Contest

Frederick Douglass Foundation

NATIONAL TEACHER TOOLKIT

Teacher Toolkit for the National Civic Writing Challenge

The Frederick Douglass Civic Legacy Writing Contest is designed to support civic literacy and writing development with minimal administrative burden.

How Teachers Can Participate

- Share contest link with students
- Use prompts as a classroom writing assignment
- Encourage independent parent submission
- Submit student entries with documented parental consent

Classroom-Friendly Features

- Clear word limits by grade band
- Standardized national rubric
- Age-differentiated expectations
- No required lesson plan adoption
- No reporting requirements for teachers

Required If Submitting on Behalf of Students

Teachers must:

- Obtain signed parent/guardian consent for each participating student
- Certify consent has been secured
- Retain documentation at the school level

Certification Statement (to include in teacher submission form):

"I certify that I have obtained parent or guardian consent for each student submission included in this entry."

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT + MEDIA RELEASE

Please sign and submit with the essay.

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Student First and Last Name: _____

Grade: _____

State: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named student.
- I grant permission for my child to participate in the Frederick Douglass Civic Legacy Writing Contest.
- I understand and agree that:
 - My child's submission will be reviewed by national judges.
 - Winning submissions may be published online or in print.
 - My child's first name, grade level, and state may be publicly recognized.
 - Cash prizes will be issued to the parent or guardian listed above.
- I confirm that this submission represents the original work of my child.
- I release and hold harmless the Frederick Douglass Foundation and Frederick Douglass Foundation of America from liability related to contest participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____
