

America250 Utah Essay & Art Contest

Celebrating 250 Years
of Independence



Utah State Board of Education

Utah is joining the national celebration of America's 250th anniversary, and we want to hear from you!

Students across Utah are invited to share what America means to them today by exploring the ideas in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Who Can Participate

- Utah students in grades 5, 8, and 9–12 are eligible to enter. All work must be original.
- Your essay or visual artwork should respond to the national contest question: “What does America mean to you?”
- Use ideas from the Declaration of Independence and/or the U.S. Constitution to support your response.

Students under the age of 18 must have parent or legal guardian permission to participate.

Important Details

Deadline: March 30, 2026

Submission Requirements:

Students may submit one entry at their grade level, either:

- » One written essay
- » One original visual artwork

Awards

Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded—one Essay Winner and one Artwork Winner from each level (5th, 8th, and High School).

130 students will receive a \$250 scholarship

Award recipients will be notified in June 2026



For rules, details, and Spanish-language resources, visit the website or scan the QR code.

tinyurl.com/America250Utah

