

2020 NINTH CIRCUIT CIVICS CONTEST

The Right to Vote: MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

In the wake of the 15th and 19th Amendments, barriers remained to prevent United States citizens from voting.

Do formal or informal barriers remain today?

What additional changes would you make, if any, to Americans' voting rights?



An essay and video contest for high school students in the western United States and Pacific Islands, sponsored by the United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit. Entries accepted beginning **February 15, 2020**. **Deadline for entries is March 25, 2020**. Contest rules and entry instructions available at <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest>



The United States District Court for the District of Arizona will host a local contest to determine the finalists who will go on to compete in the circuit contest. To be eligible to compete in the local contest, students must reside in the State of Arizona. **Local contest winners in each category also will receive prizes of \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place, and \$250 for 3rd place.** For more information about the local contest, please contact: **Ellen Weber – (602) 735-8320 / Ellen_Weber@ca9.uscourts.gov.**

TEACHERS: The District of Arizona is pleased to announce that as part of the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, we will recognize up to four teachers with cash prizes of \$350 each for excellence in civics education. *Teachers are strongly encouraged to nominate themselves and their colleagues, and to encourage their students to submit nominations for teachers. Students, please nominate your teacher for an award recognizing their efforts.*

*Plus! Travel and accommodations to attend the 2020 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Portland, Oregon

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