



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Eastern District of Tennessee
800 Market Street
Knoxville, TN 37902**

**Katherine A. Crytzer
District Judge**

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Dear Educator:

Each year, the Federal Bar Association (“FBA”) sponsors a national civics essay contest, which is open to middle and high school students. In addition to the national contest, I am pleased to announce that the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, in partnership with the Knoxville and Greeneville Chapters of the FBA, is sponsoring a local essay contest.

The local contest is open to public, private, and home high school students from the counties served by the Knoxville and Greeneville court divisions. The essay topic for both the national and local contest is “Should race be a factor in college education?” A detailed prompt is contained in the attached announcement, and additional information for both contests (with hyperlinks) is available on our Court’s Outreach and Education webpage: www.tned.uscourts.gov/outreach-and-education.

To enter the local contest, students must write an essay and submit it in compliance with the rules on the attached by **11:59 p.m. on March 17, 2023**. Note that the national contest deadline is 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time, on February 9, 2023. Although the local FBA chapters and the Court encourage students to enter the national contest, submission to the national contest is not a prerequisite for entering the local contest.

Prizes for the local contest will be awarded in at least the following amounts:

- 1st place: \$500.00
- 2nd place: \$250.00
- 3rd place: \$150.00

Winners of the local contest will be announced by May 5, 2023. Additionally, winners, along with their parents and teachers, will be invited to a celebration reception with federal judges and attorneys from the local chapters of the FBA. Winners will also have their entries published on the federal court’s civics website and be recognized at an upcoming meeting of the Knoxville and Greeneville FBA chapters.

Please encourage your students to participate. If you have any questions, contact United States Bankruptcy Judge Suzanne H. Bauknight, who is coordinating the local contest, at KXGVcivicsessay@gmail.com. Thank you.



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