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Congressional Seminar

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The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA), in cooperation with Workshops Foundation, is proud to present its 49th Congressional Seminar in Washington, D.C., for the 2025 NSCDA Congressional Essay Contest Winners. Winners receive full seminar tuition and support for travel to Washington, D.C.

ESSAY TOPIC

Describe the principles in the Declaration of Independence you believe are most important in lifting the human condition and explain how they have helped this country meet evolving challenges over our 249 years?



CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Serve in a Model Congress and gain understanding of the working of the U.S. Congress.
- Engage with other scholars from across the country with different views and perspectives.
- Experience the art of compromise and coalition building.
- Sharpen your research and public speaking skills.
- Enhance your resume and college applications.
- Enjoy access to world class museums, congressional offices, and memorable tours.
- Enjoy free campus housing, free meals, and free transportation on all excursions.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- Essays are due by December 1, 2025
- Open to grades 9-12
- 750 word maximum



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