

Arizona Youth Leadership Conference

Delegate Letter of Instruction

SUBJECT: Essay Competition

1. The directors of the YLC have selected three topics as possible subjects for the effective communication/constitutional issues seminar. Only one of these topics will be selected on the afternoon of the writing essay class. All delegates will write on the same topic. Delegates are encouraged to research these three topics and formulate ideas to help in organizing your thoughts into words. No written notes or electronic devices will be permitted.

2. Delegates will have 60 minutes to write a persuasive essay of not less than 300 and not more than 350 words to justify their position.

3. Monetary awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be presented at the Thursday evening banquet.

4. Below are the three topics for your research.

A. There has been an increased uptick in AI (artificial intelligence) usage in the general public. What is/are the greatest dangers to civil liberties by allowing AI to go unregulated or unchecked?

B. In recent years, social media has become a hot topic of privacy and data concerns. The social media companies are both private or publicly traded. Do they need to be held to the same blanket of the first amendment protections like printed media, or does the government have the right to step in and disband them or force ownership changes?

C. The second amendment guarantees the right to bear arms, but it was written in the 18th century. During that time period, the average "arms" were single fire and took multiple steps to shoot. Should the second amendment be repealed or changed? Should the protections within the amendment be more explicitly written? Are there not enough protections already in existence?