

UNIVERSITY OF 2027

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

The University of US is an after-school program designed to boost student knowledge of the U. S. Constitution to a higher level. Students will participate in classes led by locally and nationally renowned instructors on topics related to the Constitution. Following the completion of the program, a competitive Constitution Bowl event will be held. Successful completers of the program are eligible to enter the U. S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation's essay competition (11th/12th grade students only), participate on a Constitution Bowl team (all grades are eligible), receive a Leadership Scholarship (all grades eligible if not an essay winner), and receive other financial awards (all grades). Parents, teachers and school administrators are welcome to visit classes.

CLASS SESSIONS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR 2027 INCLUDE:

1. Our American Heritage and Founders of the Constitution – Judge Adrian Soud
2. The Federalist Papers – Howard Pines and Caleb Bryan
3. Articles of the Constitution – Judge James Daniel
4. Amendments to the Constitution – Judge Steven Fahlgren and Secretary of State Cord Byrd
5. Important Supreme Court Justices – Professor Bradford Clark
6. Notable Supreme Court Cases/The Judicial System – Judge Jenny Higginbotham and Attorney Chanda Rogers

LOCATION – FSCJ's Nassau Technical Career Center ("Bean" Center), The Nassau Room (T-126).

ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM – Information regarding the University of US program will be sent via email to all applicants by September 11.

FINAL EXAM – A test covering class material will be taken on the last day of the class session, March 29, 2027.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY AND APPLICATION – Information regarding the scholarship essay will be distributed in October. Application forms will be distributed in February. Due Date: March 29, 2027

CONSTITUTION BOWL – Each public school, private school, and home education may form a team for participation in the Constitution Bowl, a quiz game consisting of teams competing to answer questions about the U. S. Constitution. Winners of the Constitution Bowl will be awarded scholarships: 1st Place - \$2,000 each student, 2nd Place - \$1,000 each student, 3rd Place - \$500 each student, All Other Teams - \$250 each student. To participate on a Constitution Bowl Team, a student must be a graduate of the current year of the U of US Program.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- The program will begin in September and will feature sessions on the following dates: September 28, October 26, November 30, January 25, February 22, and March 29, 4:45 – 6:45 PM. To graduate from the program, to be eligible to participate in the scholarship program, and to participate in the Constitution Bowl, a student must attend 5 of the 6 classes and pass a final test.
- The classes feature fascinating local and national speakers, followed by interactive activities among students, speakers, and program staff.
- Snacks and pizza are served at each meeting.
- The USCFS will give two \$10,000 scholarships (\$5,000 for each of two years) and three \$5,000 scholarships this year to students who complete the University of US program and successfully compete in the scholarship contest.
- 2 or more \$1,000 Leadership Scholarships will be awarded.
- Participants in the program will receive their own copies of the Constitution.
- Each student who successfully graduates from the program will be awarded a stipend of \$100 and will receive a certificate of graduation.
- Each student who submits a qualifying essay to the scholarship competition will receive \$100.
- Students may attend multiple years of the program even if they've received a certificate of "graduation" in a previous year. Students may apply for the scholarships in both their junior and senior years, even if they have already been awarded a scholarship during the previous year.