

UNIVERSITY OF 2025

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) and participate on a Constitution Bowl team (all grades are eligible).

CLASS SESSIONS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR 2025 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 and The U. S. Judicial System – Judge Jenny Higginbotham and Attorney Chanda Rogers

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

ORIENTATION – An Orientation to the program will be held on September 16, 6:00 – 7:00 PM via Zoom. The login for the program will be sent out the week before the meeting.

FINAL EXAM – A test on material covered in the classes will be taken on the last day following the class session, March 24, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY AND APPLICATION – Information regarding the scholarship essay and application will be distributed in October. Due Date: March 24, 2025

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 - \$1,500 each student, 2nd Place - \$500 each student, 3rd Place - \$250 each student.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- The program will begin in September and will feature sessions on the following dates: September 23, October 28, November 18, January 27, February 24, and March 24, 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.
- 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 USCSF will give five or more \$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.
- Each student who submits a qualifying essay to the scholarship competition will receive \$100.
- Each student who completes the program receives a certificate of graduation.
- Students may attend multiple years of the program even if they've received a certificate of "graduation." Students may apply for the scholarships in both their junior and senior years, even if they have already been awarded a scholarship during a previous year.
- To participate on a Constitution Bowl Team, a student must be a graduate of the U of US Program.