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2018 Constitutional Essay Contest

**Polk, Marion, and Benton County students, grades 9-12
are invited to enter the eighth annual
Polk County Women for Agriculture Constitutional Essay Contest**

This year contestants are asked to answer **one** of these three questions:

- What Amendment to the Constitution protects an individual's right to free speech? How does this Amendment protect our freedom of speech? Does that protection have a limit? Please provide an example of a time you believe a group or individual engaged in speech which should not have been protected by the Constitution, and why.
- Is it constitutional to require the presentation of valid identification in order to vote? Use text from the Constitution to support your position. Please provide an example of scenarios where your position on this would come into play.
- Which Amendment would you delete and why?

Prizes awarded will be \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Also, each entry will receive a \$5 Dutch Bros. card and a pocket Constitution.

A bonus prize of a \$10 Dutch Bros. card will be given if you also submit a creative meme, in response to one of the questions above, to be published on Facebook or other social media.

Rules:

1. Contest is open to Polk, Marion, or Benton County students in grades 9-12, or the home school equivalent.
2. Each essay should be the sole product of the student's work.
3. Each essay should be submitted electronically, and no longer than 500 words. When we receive your essay we will send an email confirmation. If you do not receive the confirmation, please telephone.
4. Submissions will be judged on understanding of the Constitution, clear thinking and writing, presentation, grammar and spelling.
5. Submissions should include the writer's name, age, grade, school, home address, home telephone, and e-mail address. Winners will be notified by email or telephone.
6. Entries will not be returned. Entries may be published.
7. Essays must be emailed by December 31, 2018.

Email entries to Arlene Kovash at kovasha@gmail.com. If you have questions contact Arlene at kovasha@gmail.com or 503-838-3512, or Carol Marx at camarx@aol.com or 503-362-6225.

Contest information is also available on the Oregon Women for Agriculture website at <http://www.owaonline.org/chapters/polk/>. For more information on Polk County Women for Agriculture, Like us on www.facebook.com/PolkCountyWomenforAg

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