

## KNOW YOUR CONSTITUTION PROGRAM RULES

### A. Overview

Each year high school students throughout Iowa take part in the ISBA-YLD's Know Your Constitution Program. The Program begins with an open book quiz containing fifty multiple-choice questions and one short essay question. The quiz is meant to be an "open book" one, that stimulates interest in and scholarship of the U.S. Constitution. A copy of the U.S. Constitution is available on the ISBA Web site, [www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org). The completed quizzes are returned to the ISBA and evaluated by the Know Your Constitution Committee. From the quizzes submitted, the Committee will select approximately one hundred finalists. The finalists will be chosen from those students having the best quiz scores and essays within their House Districts. **The student's House District number is to be determined by his or her home address.** The one hundred finalists and their teachers will be invited to attend a luncheon in their honor in the Des Moines area. Five of the finalists will be randomly selected to receive, along with their teachers, a week-long, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a citizenship educational experience. The students selected will have completed the quiz and submitted their answers according to the time schedule.

### B. Time Schedule

September–December 2, 2018	Students take quizzes
December 2, 2018	Teachers/Principals postmark answers by this date
January 11, 2019	Luncheon for 100 finalists/teachers
February 17 – 22, 2019	5 students & 5 teachers to Washington, D.C.

### C. Requirements

1. On the answer sheet provided, each student must answer all fifty questions and the short essay and provide his/her name, teacher's name, teacher's email address, and the name and address of school, and the zip code for the student's home address. Students also must indicate their State of Iowa House District number, based on their home address. **The Committee will not be able to process those answer sheets that do not contain all necessary information.**

*A STUDENT'S QUIZ MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT INDICATE HIS OR HER HOUSE DISTRICT NUMBER ON HIS OR HER ANSWER SHEET – A STUDENT MAY ACCESS HIS OR HER HOUSE DISTRICT NUMBER BY ACCESSING [HTTP://WWW.LEGIS.IOWA.GOV/LEGISLATORS/FIND.ASPX](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find.aspx) AND ENTERING HIS OR HER HOME ADDRESS. STATE REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE LAST LISTED AND THE IOWA HOUSE DISTRICT NUMBER IS LISTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.*

*REMEMBER THE STATE OF IOWA HOUSE DISTRICT IS TO BE BASED ON THE STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS.*

2. The students' completed answer sheet(s) and essay answer(s) must be provided to the teacher. The teacher or school principal then must postmark the submissions to *KNOW YOUR CONSTITUTION, The Iowa State Bar Association, 625 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309*, on or before **December 2, 2018**.

Please include with the submissions a cover sheet with teacher/administrator contact information, the total number of submissions included, and if applicable the number of additional students who participated in the Program whose answer sheets you are not submitting. This will enable us to accurately measure all the students who are participating and to ensure you receive notice of the Program next year.

Home-schooled high school students may participate by directly submitting their answer sheets and essay answers to the address above with a cover letter indicating that the application is being submitted directly because the student is home-schooled.

#### **D. Answers and Finalists Posted**

Shortly after the deadline has passed, the answer key and names of the one hundred finalists for this year's contest will be posted on the ISBA Website ([www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org)). The finalists also will be notified individually by teacher email.