

# Celebrating 250 Years: What America Means to Me

Your Voice. Your Vision. Our Future.

Join the 2026 Semiquincentennial celebration! We are awarding scholarships to Utah students who can bridge the gap between our nation's founding documents and their lives today. To enter, Utah students will **submit either an original essay or a piece of visual art** that connects the principles of the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution to your life today.

**Parental Consent:** To participate in the America250 Utah Essay Contest, students under 18 years of age are required to fill out and submit this application alongside a parent or guardian.

## Privacy & Data Disclosure

**Why is this data being collected?** The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) collects this information to verify student eligibility for the America250 Utah contest, ensure entries are placed in the correct grade-level categories, and maintain a way to contact participants regarding the status of their submission.

**How will the data be used?** The data provided will be used exclusively for contest administration, including:

- Identifying and judging submissions.
- Contacting winners and their parents/guardians.
- Coordinating prize distribution and recognition events at the State Capitol or other venues.

**Consequences of not providing data:** Providing this information is voluntary; however, because we must verify eligibility and have a way to reach winners, students who do not provide the required contact and grade-level information will be unable to participate in the contest.

What is your **parent or guardian's name**? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your **parent or guardian's telephone number**? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your **parent or guardian's email address**? \_\_\_\_\_

I, the Parent/Guardian, hereby grant permission for my child to submit their original essay or artwork. I understand that this work may be reviewed, displayed, or published by the Utah State Board of Education for educational or promotional purposes. I confirm that the work is the original creation of my child and that I consent to its use in accordance with school/USBE guidelines.

Sign Here \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit by mail or in person to:**

Utah State Board of Education  
Attn: America250 Submissions  
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