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# CIVICS MATTERS

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## CIVIC MATTERS ARIZONA ESSAY CRITERIA

Welcome to Civics Matters Arizona! This program is designed to empower young people from across the state to learn the importance of active citizenship and get involved as civic ambassadors in your school and communities. As a participant in the program you also have an exciting opportunity to win a trip to Washington, DC.

In order to be considered you must:

- Answer one of the three essay prompts about the importance of civic engagement and ways that you, as young people, can participate in your communities and create positive change. Written responses should be between 300-500 words.

### EVALUATION

Your essay will be evaluated on three criteria:

- Development of Topic and Details
- Voice
- Coherence and Clarity

The full rubric can be found [here](#).

### CHOOSE ONE PROMPT FOR YOUR RESPONSE

**Prompt 1:** Even without the right to vote, how can young people become engaged participants in their communities?

**Prompt 2:** Why is civic engagement by everyday people important to the health of our democracy?

**Prompt 3:** What challenges exist in your community and how can young people contribute to creating a positive change?