Attachment A

# Superintendent’s Memo #005-20a

 January 10, 2020

**Secretary of Education’s 2020 Essay Challenge**

for Virginia public high school seniors who are currently enrolled or

previously completed a Virginia and United States Government course

**Sponsored by the Virginia Secretary of Education’s Office and**

**the Virginia Commission on Civic Education**

Please submit this form electronically to civicsessaycontest@senate.virginia.gov.

**by Saturday, February 29, 2020.**

**Please Type All Information**

Student Name: (Last, First)**:**

Home Address:

Contact Number:

School Division:

Region Number:       (See [Region Map](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/directories/va_region_map.pdf))

School Name:

School Phone: () -

School Address:

School email:

Principal:

Email:

Virginia and United States Government Teacher:

Email:

| For Judges Use ONLY |
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|  | Reader I | Reader II | Final Score |
| Categories |  |  |  |
| 1. Relationship to the First Amendment
 |  |  |  |
| 1. Citizenship
 |  |  |  |
| 1. Sources and Evidence
 |  |  |  |
| 1. Usage Mechanics and Formatting
 |  |  |  |
| **Optional:**  |  |  |  |
| Perspective and Point of View |  |  |  |
| Counter-claims |  |  |  |

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Directions:

Using your knowledge of the First Amendment, in no more than 750 words:

**Describe ways in which the First Amendment protects or promotes engaged citizenship.**

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| *I pledge that the work I am submitting is of my own ideas and the work of others will be properly cited. My signature indicates that I pledge to uphold the ideals of truth, honesty, individualism, and citizenship in order to promote academic honesty.* | Student Signature and Date |  |