



*The National Museum of the United States Air Forces proudly announces its Seventh Annual Air Force Heritage and History Writing Competition. This competition provides students the opportunity to showcase their writing and research talents while vying for \$3,000 in scholarship funds.**

Competition Theme

The topic for this writing competition is based on Air Force History and Heritage. For this years' competition the research questions are as follows:

In June 2016, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force opened its new fourth building. This building includes the museum's Presidential aircraft collection. Featured airplanes include: the Douglas VC-54C Sacred Cow, the Douglas VC-118 Independence, the Lockheed VC-121E Columbine and the Boeing VC-137C SAM 26000. On each of these aircraft very significant presidential, political and diplomatic events occurred:

In 1945, the Sacred Cow served to transport President Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference and was the aircraft on which President Truman signed the National Security Act in 1947 creating the U.S Air Force. One of the world's most historic aircraft, SAM 26000 carried eight American presidents and played an important role in American presidential history. It is most noted as the aircraft on which President Johnson took the Oath of Office, following President Kennedy's 1963 assassination in Dallas. It also transported President Nixon on his flight to the People's Republic of China, as it reopened to the west in the 1970s.

Using one the examples of the various Presidential actions in the above paragraph, write about the history of that event, the background and explain how it reflected the role of president as it is outlined in Article II, Section II in the U.S Constitution.

Submission Rules and Requirements

Eligibility - This competition is open to public, private school or homeschooled students between the ages of 13-18. There will be no exceptions made to the age requirements. Only one entry per student will be accepted.

Deadline - All papers must be submitted via hardcopy or email in PDF format to Erin Craig NMUSAF/MUT 1100 Spaatz St. WPAFB, OH 45433-7102 or erin.craig@us.af.mil. **Submissions** must be postmarked by 14 March 2017 12:00 a.m. (EST). The competition will accept only the first 250 entrants. Please note that security measures on the base will delay the delivery of 'snail mail' submissions. Once the number of participants has reached capacity notification will be made on the Museum's website. Only competition winners will be notified of their placement, other participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Notification of maximum entries will be made on the Museum's website. All submissions become the property of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Content - Papers will be judged as historic research papers. All content must be supported by evidence and it must be cited in endnotes. All papers will be required to have a cover page with the following information: name, address, age, and email address or phone number of the author, as well as the school attended, if relevant. Not including the cover page, papers will be limited to five pages with a sixth page providing a bibliography, for a total of seven pages. Additionally, grammar, spelling and structure of the document will be considered in judging.

Integrity - Be honest when writing your papers. Give credit where credit is due. Academic dishonesty of any sort will result in disqualification.

**Award money will be distributed with \$1,500.00 going to the first place winner, \$1,000 going to second place and \$500 to the third place winner.*