



Welcome to the **Young Patriot Challenge** Constitution Week Speech Contest, a district wide contest open to all Merced County High School Students.

To compete, the contest invites 9-12 grade entrants (including home school students) to celebrate Constitution Day (Sept. 17th) by preparing and presenting a short video speech, uploaded to **youtube.com** on this year's Constitution related theme. (**youtube link**)

The winners will be honored at the **Young Patriot Challenge** Award Ceremony to be held on October 23, 2019. **The first place winner will be asked to give the speech again to the Award Ceremony guests.** Please consider your attire.



Entries are submitted online and the judges will be reviewing the videos.

**Speech Contest theme for this year: Should the Constitution be amended to include term limits for members of the U. S. Congress? Explain your position.**

### **Speech Contest General Rules**

- Merced County students Grades 9-12 are eligible for the Speech Contest.
- The speech is to be **4-6 minutes in length**.
- The speech is to be video recorded and uploaded to youtube.com. You must setup in a text file format that can be e-mailed. You must put a tag on each video, **#YPCUSAMERCED**. Webcams and cell phone video is fine as long as you can be seen and heard clearly. **NOTE:** Videos taken out doors have too much back ground noise and are hard to hear. **In order for the judges to find your video, you must follow these instructions to the letter.**
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PLACED INTO YOU TUBE BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2019.**

**The Speech will be judged according to the following criteria:**

- Comprehension and knowledge of the subject (this year's theme).
- Organization of presentation.
- Speaking skills such as, voice and diction.

### **Online submission of the speech**

Once the speech is recorded and uploaded to youtube.com, the student should enter the contest by filling out the speech submission form that can be found on the web page [www.ypcusa.net](http://www.ypcusa.net) and send it to the following e-mail address. [44magman@att.net](mailto:44magman@att.net)

### **Judging and Awards**

Students that win second and third place in the countywide competition will receive awards consisting of a medal with ribbon, a certificate and a gift card. The first place winner will receive a medal with ribbon, certificate and a computer tablet. Winners will be honored along with their parents at a special Award Ceremony to be held on October 23, 2019.