

## ***Kent County Republican Women's Club Memorial Scholarship***

The goal of this scholarship is to honor past members by contributing to the education of the leaders of the next generation.

A scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 will be awarded to a student in a Kent County High School.

### ***To be eligible the student must be:***

A U.S. citizen

A senior in a public or private school in Kent County, DE

### ***Application requirements:***

1. A well-organized essay demonstrating knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. (See prompt below)
2. Information on scholastic standing
3. List of contributions to the school and community
4. Results of standardized tests
5. Name and address of University student plans to attend

### ***To be considered***

The completed application form and the essay must be postmarked no later than **March 10** and sent to:

Alice K. Cataldi, Chair of Scholarship Committee  
59 Alice Drive  
Felton, DE 19943

### ***Selection Procedure:***

The scholarship committee will review the application materials and will notify the winner by mail. The winner will receive a certificate at the school's Senior Award Ceremony and will read the winning essay at a meeting of the KCRWC. The scholarship money will be sent directly to the school the student plans to attend.

***Application Form – Confidential Information***

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(cell) (home)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Standing: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to School and Community: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to which scholarship funds should be forwarded:

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Please write a well organized essay of 300 words responding to the prompt below:

*Please think carefully about your answers and use any library, reference books, or other intellectual material to enlighten your response. Online information may not be sufficiently complex and accurate to help you.*

After the American Revolution against Great Britain (1776-1783) America's first Constitution was called the Articles of Confederation. There was no President, only a Congress. In 1787, George Washington and others thought a new governing document was necessary. They met in Philadelphia in 1787 to create our current Constitution. After four months they signed their names to the document and sent it to the 13 states for ratification. In order to secure the votes for ratification (9 votes), James Madison and others agreed to add a Bill of Rights as Amendments to the original document.

The very first Amendment states that the nation would have no national tax-supported church by law. Then, in order of importance the Bill of Rights states, Congress shall make no law. . . prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . [religion]

Questions:

- What does “free exercise” of religion mean?
- Why was it the very first affirmative protection in the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment in your opinion?
- What is the relationship between religion, in general, and our Constitution?
- If the Constitution supersedes state law, what is the basis of the Supreme Court ruling regarding pandemic rules that close or limit places of worship?
- Why is the Bill of Rights so important to each American?

Your nation asks you, our young, to preserve, protect, and defend the United States Constitution. Will you commit to doing so? How will you do it?