

The New York Times Student Writing Contest: A More Perfect Union

Please provide the following:

1. A brief biography, resume, or curriculum vitae of the contest participant of no more than three (3) pages.
2. An essay of no more than 750 words (double-spaced) that addresses the following:

What does it mean to be civically and politically informed and engaged? What current events have sparked you to think more deeply about our democracy? If information is power, how do you harness credible sources of news media to make informed decisions about policy, social issues, political issues, your community, region, our country, or the world?

We want to hear your voice, read your words and understand your thoughts on what it means to be an engaged citizen. In 750 words or less, using an article published in *The New York Times* between March 1, 2019, and September 12, 2019, tell us what sparked your thinking about civic and political engagement. Take an issue and show how it affected you and what you did in response. How do you use information to ensure A More Perfect Union?

This contest is open to all students currently enrolled in AASCU and NASPA LEAD institutions with a NYT Program.

Full Name: _____

Year/Major: _____

Essay Title: _____

College/University: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please submit this contest form and your other entry materials as a single PDF no later than **Monday, September 30, 2019**, to **Felice Nudelman, Executive Director, American Democracy Project**, at nudelmanf@aascu.org. For questions, please contact Felice Nudelman at 202.478.7831.