



We the People THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

NATIONAL INVITATIONAL RULES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

The **We the People National Invitational** is open to any middle or high school class who will have competed in a school-wide, regional, district, or state hearing. It is the intent of the National Invitational to support the widest possible participation from a broad range of students. There is no minimum number of students that can participate in the event. Each participating class, however, must answer all six Unit questions to participate. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Emily Voss (voss@civiced.org).

School-based Classes

For purposes of the National Invitational a "class" must:

- be constituted according to the school's policies and procedures for student admittance to a class.
- be designated on the school's main schedule as a required or elective class.
- complete an expected minimum of thirty-six hours of instruction and hearing preparation.
- enter all enrollees in an official class roster.
- participate in a school and/or district- or state-level simulated congressional hearing prior to participating in the National Invitational.

Community-based and After-school Classes

For the purposes of the National Invitational a "class" must

- be approved by a sponsoring organization or school and the Center for Civic Education.
- be taught by a teacher/facilitator designated by the sponsoring organization or school.
- complete an expected minimum of thirty-six hours of instruction and hearing preparation.
- enter all enrollees in an official class roster; and
- participate in a local and/or state-level simulated congressional hearing prior to participating in the National Finals.

Teachers/Facilitators

For the purposes of the National Invitational a teacher/facilitator must agree to:

- teach all six units of the *We the People* textbook to the entire class.
- divide the class into six groups with each group responsible for its assigned unit.
- ensure that each group has a minimum of three members and all groups are sized as equally as possible.
- enter all students in an official class roster, which includes the unit assignment(s) for each student.