The Constitution Reflection Award
Information Sheet and References List

The Constitution Reflection Award challenges KU students to comment on the enduring importance of the United States Constitution and its presence in our everyday lives. Each year, students will be invited to submit an audio-visual reflection in response to a given prompt. Any undergraduate student who has enrolled in a History course during the academic year is invited to apply. The winner will be awarded $500 and their submission will be featured on the Department of History website.

2025-2026 Prompt:

The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution begins: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." In what historical context was this sentence of the 14th Amendment crafted; how has the Supreme Court ruled on the meaning of this section; and, how and why in recent times have political leaders attempted to limit the scope of the Amendment's citizenship guarantees?

Submissions will be evaluated according to how well they: address the given prompt; acknowledge historical context or change over time; demonstrate nuance or complexity of thinking; employ a varied and relevant References List of at least four sources; convey information in a creative or compelling way.

Eligibility: Any KU undergraduate student enrolled in a history course during the academic year (Fall 2025-Spring 2026) of the award period.

Submission Requirements:
• 3-4 minute video or audio/video presentation addressing the prompt
• MP4, MOV., AVI., WMV
• Information sheet and Reference List

Submissions will be accepted October 28, 2025 through noon on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026. Award will be announced in May 2026.

For questions regarding the award or the submission process, contact Amanda Contreras at acon@ku.edu.

Audio/Visual Resources:

Best Editing/Creating Apps:
CapCut, Adobe Premiere Rush, Adobe Express, Canva, Clipchamp, iMovie, and Splice

The Makerspace | Anschutz Library | Room 203A
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Schedule a consultation, training, or reserve a computer with A/V post-production software by visiting The Makerspace website: https://lib.ku.edu/makerspace

Studio K | Watson Library | 3rd Floor
A quick-record studio, designed so that any user can walk in and start recording a speech, demonstration or presentation within moments of arrival. Using the Kultura Capture software, videos are easy to make and save automatically to your MediaHub cloud service. You can bring a PowerPoint file which can display during the presentation.
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Name: _____   KU ID#: _____

Status as of Spring 2026:   Freshman: _____ Sophomore: _____ Junior: _____ Senior: _____

KU GPA: _____   Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing address:

What History class(es) did you enroll in during AY 2025-2026?
Title   Instructor   Grade

List any other History courses you have completed at KU:
Title   Instructor   Grade

References List

List the sources consulted (a minimum of 4) in the creation of your video. Either MLA or Chicago Manual of Style citation format is acceptable.