



THE PRESIDENTIAL
1776
AWARD FOR CIVICS

HOST A TEST SESSION FOR THE **Presidential 1776 Award** IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Presidential 1776 Award

The U.S. Department of Education, led by Secretary Linda McMahon, has launched the history competition of a lifetime, supported by expertise and resources from the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation with a first-round online exam (The Impossible Civics Test), in-person regional semifinals, and a nationally-broadcast final in Washington, D.C.

Why Host a Test Session?

- Ensure students who need internet, devices, or a quiet room can participate.
- Provide proctors to support a fair, rule-aligned testing experience.
- Surround students with encouragement from schools, libraries, and local organizations.

How Do I Host a Test Session?

- Offer a 90-minute session(s) during the dedicated testing period.
- Provide in-class, after-school, or weekend sessions in study rooms.
- Ask history classes, community or faith groups, youth organizations, or local public libraries to open their spaces for students seeking a supportive environment.

Important Dates

Registration Window

February 1–21, 2026

Online Test Window

February 22–28, 2026

Test Day Basics

- **Format:** Three timed sections—Foundational, Intermediate, Advanced—30 minutes each (90 minutes total).
- **Breaks:** Up to 10 minutes between sections before the next section auto-starts.
- **Question Type:** Multiple-choice (4 options, 1 correct).
- **Rules:** No notes, books, or aids during the online test.
- **One Attempt:** Each student may take the test once during the window.

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