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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. The contest tests student knowledge of the road to independence, the American Revolutionary War, and the ideas that shaped our nation. Open to high schoolers, it includes a first-round online exam (The Impossible Civics Test), in-person regional semifinals, and a nationally-broadcast final in Washington, D.C.

Scholarships

\$150,000

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\$75,000

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Important Dates

Registration Window

February 1–21, 2026

Online Test Window

February 22–28, 2026

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