

**For Immediate Release – County of Berks**

**America250PA Berks Announces Countywide Creative Works Contest**

On behalf of the America250PA Berks Committee, we are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for Berks County students in grades 6–12 to participate in the **Youth Voices of Independence Contest**, which celebrates the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This countywide contest invites students to reflect on what the Declaration of Independence means to them through their choice of a written submission, original artwork, or short video. The contest is designed to encourage civic engagement, historical reflection, and creative expression, aligning well with social studies, English language arts, and arts curricula. Six student winners will be selected across grade-level divisions, with each receiving a \$100 VISA gift card.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 30, 2026, and all entries are submitted online through the official America250PA Berks website.

America250PA Berks is part of a statewide effort to engage communities in meaningful ways as we prepare to commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States in 2026. Student voices are a vital part of this celebration, and we hope your schools will encourage participation in this special opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support of student learning and civic engagement. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,  
America250PA Berks Committee  
Berks County, Pennsylvania  
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