

# I, TOO, AM THE DREAM CONTEST

Are you, or do you know, a rising high school senior? Do you imagine that no matter who you are or where you come from, the American Dream is for everyone? And, have ideas that will make the American Dream real? Do you want an opportunity to **win \$5,000** to use toward achieving your dreams?

## The Contest

Submit an essay, poem, spoken word or short story of 1,000 words or fewer using the following prompt:

The story of the American Dream is one of aspiration, potential, hope, and dynamic tensions – opportunity and injustice, achievement and inequity, and triumph and challenge. Some have argued that the Dream is more of a myth than a reality. Many, who challenge the conventional understanding of the American Dream, cultivate a more inclusive and expansive vision of the Dream. They embrace the invitation to be ambassadors for advancing the American Dream, securing the Dream for future generations. **Drawing on your own personal experience and/or the experiences of others, describe your vision for a reimagined American Dream and how you envision advancing it for yourself and others.**

## Prizes

- **2 - \$5,000 WINNERS**
- Personal access to coaches and mentors for winners
- Chance to meet and share your ideas with top educators
- Be featured on our social media, on our website, and at the Center
- Invitation to opening of the Center for Advancing the American Dream in Washington, D.C.

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# Eligibility

The contest is open to rising United States high school seniors in 2020-21 school year, including students attending public, private, parochial, or home schools in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories, and attending U.S. schools overseas.

*Family members of employees of the Center for Advancing the American Dream are not eligible to participate.*

# Criteria

Submissions will be judged by a panel on the following equally weighted criteria:

- **Development & Communication of Ideas**
- **Perspective & Voice**
- **Originality & Quality of Ideas**
- **Inclusive & Compelling Call to Action**
- **Overall Impact**

**DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT 3:00PM (EST).**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH SUBMITTABLE.**

All submissions must adhere to the contest requirements.

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