



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S
2014 ESSAY CONTEST
WINNERS**

Congressional District 1

1st Place

Connecticut's Portable Typewriter

Sabria Roggendorf

Whiting Lane School, West Hartford

Congressional District 1

2nd Place

The Invention of the Hamburger

Maheer Syed Hussain

Aiken Elementary School, West Hartford

3rd Place

Connecticut Witchcraft

Laurel A. Thomas

Aiken Elementary School, West Hartford

Honorable Mention

Noah Webster and the First Dictionary

Israel Henriques

Aiken Elementary School, West Hartford

Congressional District 2

1st Place

The Litchfield Law School

Julia Gerrish

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, East Haddam

Congressional District 2

2nd Place

The First Practical Helicopter

Aidan Behilo

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, East Haddam

3rd Place

The Polaroid Camera

Lenora Ballek

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, East Haddam

Honorable Mention

Wiffle Ball

Molly Butremovic

North Stonington Elementary School, North Stonington

Honorable Mention

The Hartford Courant

Cailey Fay

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, East Haddam

Congressional District 3

1st Place

The Can Opener

Ahmed Khan

Bear Path School, Hamden

Congressional District 5

1st Place

USS Nautilus

Christopher Aube

Thompson Brook School, Avon

Congressional District 5

2nd Place

The Submarine

Ian Belles

Whisconier Middle School, Brookfield

3rd Place

Car Laws

Brianna Pelchar

Har-bur Middle School, Burlington

Honorable Mention

Cotton Gin

Ashley Buick

Goshen Center School, Goshen

Honorable Mention

The Hartford Circus Fire

Lexah Caraluzzi

Whiscnier Middle School, Brookfield