

## Minoru Yasui Student Contest 2026 Rubric

**Contest Prompt:** Upholding the rule of law: What does seeking justice for all look like? We are living in unprecedented times today, where the Constitution is being challenged, rule of law is being upended, and companies, universities, immigrants and other marginalized people are being demonized. If Minoru Yasui were alive today, what hopeful actions would he take for democracy, civil rights, and social justice?

**Criteria:** Through a visual art piece (painting, photographs, drawing or mixed materials), express your opinion about the prompt. AI-generated art forms are not permitted. The recorded or written activist artist's statement (300 words maximum) should describe your piece and how it addresses each of the following: the importance of protecting the Constitution and the rule of law, hopeful action(s) that could be taken, and Minoru Yasui's legacy of seeking justice for all and upholding the rule of law.

	Excellent	Average	Inadequate	Points Awarded
<b>Artwork</b>				
Creativity and originality - how well the art piece expresses its message in a unique way. (Max points = 50)	Artwork demonstrates a high level of creativity and originality. Art clearly communicates artists' purpose, and excellent execution of mediums. (34-50 points)	Artwork demonstrates a sufficient level of creativity and originality. Art communicates artists' purpose and sufficient execution of medium. (17-33 points)	Artwork has limited creativity and originality. Art is used to communicate purpose, but insufficient. (0-16 points)	
<b>Artist's Statement</b>				
Addresses all components of the prompt: - The importance of protecting the Constitution/ rule of law - Hopeful action(s) that could be taken for democracy, civil rights, and social justice (Max points = 30)	Fully addresses all components of the prompt and how this is demonstrated in the artwork. Statement is well-crafted and thought-provoking. (21-30 points)	Addresses all components of the prompt but may be lacking details/ depth in how this is demonstrated in the artwork. Statement is well-crafted and interesting. (11-20 points)	Does not address all components of the prompt. Statement is not well developed. (0-10 points)	
Connects the art piece/message to Minoru Yasui's legacy of seeking justice for all and upholding the rule of law (Max points = 20)	Shows critical thinking connecting Min's legacy to art/ art's message. (14-20 points)	Addresses Min's legacy at a basic level. (7-13 points)	Does not address Min's legacy or connection is very unclear. (0-6 points)	
<b>Total Points</b> (Max points = 100)				