

THE CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

by Maryland Mensa

Maryland Mensa developed the Creativity Challenge to encourage gifted youth to apply their intelligence *and creativity* to local, regional, national, or international problems. Participating youth will expound upon 4 of the provided prompts using whatever medium they prefer (e.g., the response can take the form of an essay, art, speech, video, etc.). Participating youth can also suggest alternate prompts if they have a particular subject or issue that they would like to explore.

Charities could be more effective if . . .

The U.S. should export this idea . . .

As Mayor, I would . . .

The U.S. should import this idea . . .

This law needs to be abolished . . .

Our democratic system could be improved by . . .

We need a new law to . . .

I know how to fix this collective action problem . . .

We've failed to learn from history . . .

This rule has unintended consequences . . .

As President, I would . . .

This is a bigger issue than people realize . . .

If I had \$100 million to give away . . .

This is what world peace would look like . . .

Upon completion of their chosen prompts, youth will receive a certificate recognizing their participation. The Creativity Challenge dovetails nicely into the Thought Leaders Program and Intellectual Leadership Program. For more information about those programs, please visit <http://www.maryland.us.mensa.org/gifted.php>. For more information on the Creativity Challenge, or to register a participating child, please contact Kristine Poptanich, Maryland Mensa's Gifted Youth Coordinator, at Kristine dot Poptanich at gmail dot com.