How was the U.S. Constitution designed to create an effective and efficient government that would nonetheless stay within its limits and not become tyrannical? Has the Constitution been successful in striking this balance? Missouri high school students who are deeply interested in American history and American politics are invited to apply to this week-long seminar and explore these and similar questions.

Discussion topics include:
• The Constitutional Convention
• Separation of Powers and the Control of the Effects of Faction
• Founding Mothers
• Slavery and the Constitution
• The Bill of Rights
• The Supreme Court

Seminars will be discussion based and led by University of Missouri faculty. Additional recreational activities offered during the evenings include cultural opportunities, film viewings, and outdoor activities.

Eligibility:
Rising Missouri high school juniors and seniors (including homeschoolers) may apply. Past program participants are not eligible.

Registration Fee, Lodging and Board
This seminar is hosted on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia, and students will be housed in campus residence halls. Residential Advisors will be in dorms with students to advise and assist them. A non-refundable fee of $100 will be required of accepted applicants to reserve a place in the seminar. All other costs, except for travel to and from Columbia, are covered by the Kinder Institute. Some assistance with registration fee is available to those in financial need.

Application Requirements and Instructions:
Application Deadline: April 10, 2023
To apply, please complete the application by emailing the following materials to HernandezRK@missouri.edu.
• A 500-word essay describing why you are interested in attending the Kinder Institute Constitutional Democracy Academy.
• A copy of your current high school transcript
• In addition to the application and materials above, please also have a teacher or adult mentor (other than a parent) send a letter of recommendation to HernandezRK@mail.missouri.edu. Please use Kinder Academy 2023 REC as a subject line.