



## Dutch-American Friendship Day Competition

What does Dutch-American Friendship Day mean to you?

### History

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate **Dutch-American Friendship Day**. On this day we commemorate the start of diplomatic relations between our countries. The Netherlands was the first country to recognize the independence of the United States of America when John Adams, who later became the second president of the United States, was received by the States General in The Hague in 1782 as Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America. On the same day John Adams bought a house in The Hague, which became the first American Embassy in the world.



### Competition for High School Students

**What does Dutch-American Friendship Day mean to you? Is your best friend an American? Do you plan to study in the U.S.? Are you actively working on promoting our shared values? Or are you just crazy about the refined American cuisine? Let us know what the Dutch-American friendship means to you and you could win an invitation – for yourself and a friend - to the Dutch-American Friendship Day Reception that will be hosted by Chargé d' Affaires Shawn Crowley at the American Ambassador's Residence in The Hague on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017!**

### How to Participate

Send us your original entry on what the Dutch-American Friendship means to you.

This can be:

- ***A short video*** (max. 30 seconds)
- ***A social media post including an image*** (make sure the image is copyright-free)
- ***An original piece of artwork, graphic art, or photography***

You can either submit your entry directly to [irc\\_hague@yahoo.com](mailto:irc_hague@yahoo.com), using "Dutch-American Friendship Day Competition" in the subject line. Alternatively, you can post your entry to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, using the hashtag **#DAFD17**. If you choose the latter option, please also send a link to this post to [irc\\_hague@yahoo.com](mailto:irc_hague@yahoo.com), using "Dutch-American Friendship Day Competition" in the subject line. In the e-mail please include your *name, age, address, and the name of the school you are attending*. **The deadline for submitting your entry is Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 23.59 hours.**

### Conditions

- You must be between 12 and 18 years old at time of entry.
- The U.S. Embassy in The Hague reserves the right to use all entries for educational or promotion ends.