



2009 "Freedom of Speech" POSTER CONTEST

Contest:

The Illinois First Amendment Center (IFAC) and the Illinois Press Foundation (IPF) are pleased to announce their fourth annual Poster Contest for Illinois High School students, grades 9 – 12. The winning posters will be those that best portray **Freedom of Speech** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment. Cash prizes will be awarded in the following amounts:

1st Place - \$1,000 • 2nd Place - \$750 • 3rd Place - \$500 • 4th Place - \$250

Honorable Mention Awards - \$100 each

Creative Recognition Awards for original art posters only (hand-drawn or painted only) - \$100 each

Eligibility:

Students who presently reside in Illinois and are enrolled in an Illinois high school or home school are eligible.

Rules & Specifications:

- Poster theme must clearly be Freedom of Speech. No other themes will be accepted. Slogans/taglines encouraged.
- One entry per student. No group projects will be permitted.
- Any artwork that does not come with accompanying Entry Form securely attached to the back of art will be disqualified.
- Entries may be sent to the IFAC (see address below) or may be brought to this address. All entries must be received at the IFAC or brought in no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on Monday, January 3, 2010.
- Preferred size: 14" w X 20" h. Minimum acceptable size: 8 ½ X 11; maximum acceptable size: 14" X 20."
- Artwork may be hand-drawn, painted, or computer-generated. If computer-generated, you may shoot your own digital photographs for the composite, submit original illustrations from Adobe Illustrator or similar software, or use royalty-free images. Suggested resolution and format are: 600 lpi in either JPG or PDF format.
- **All** artwork entries become the property of the IFAC and will not be returned to the entrant.
- The judges of the contest are the final arbiters in awarding all prizes.
- Only prize winners and a designated teacher (if listed on Entry Form) will be notified via e-mail. If you do not have e-mail, please list your teacher's email address or other individual's email address, so we may reach you. Any winner not reachable will be disqualified.
- A press release containing the following information about each prize winner will be sent to all Illinois newspapers who are members of the Illinois Press Association: Student's name and grade level, prize won, name and city/town of student's school, and name of art teacher, if applicable.

Questions About Contest?

Please contact Amanda Plunkett at
(217) 241-1300 or aplunkett@illinoispress.org

Send Artwork and Entry Form to:

Illinois First Amendment Center* Attn: Sue Montalvo
900 Community Drive, Springfield, IL 62703

* The Illinois First Amendment Center is located within the IL Press Association/Foundation building.

Notification to Teachers: (Due to staff time constraints, we cannot notify individual entrants.)

If you would like to be notified via email (only), that entries have been received, judging has taken place, and/or the name of Poster Contest winners, email aplunkett@illinoispress.org.

Check out past Poster Contest winning artwork on our
Web site at www.illinoisfirstamendmentcenter.com



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"Freedom of Speech" Poster Contest Entry Form & Certificate of Authenticity

*Entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. CST on January 3, 2010.
This form MUST accompany all entries and be securely attached to the back of artwork.*

Student's Information *

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone (with Area Code): _____

Email Address:** _____

School Information

School Name: _____

Full School Address: *(include city & zip code)*

School Phone (with Area Code): _____

Instructor's Name: _____
(if applicable)

Instructor's Email: _____
(if applicable)

School Principal's Name: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!!

** Please be advised: To those who win cash prizes, we are required to obtain your social security number. Upon being notified that you have won a cash prize, we will ask for this information. If you win \$600 or more, we are required to provide you with an IRS Form 1099. ** If we can't read your e-mail address, we won't be able to reach you!*

Certificate of Authenticity

Signature of entrant at right certifies that entry is your original artwork.

Signature of entrant at right indicates his/her understanding that winning artwork will become the property of the IFAC.

Signature of entrant at right indicates his/her understanding that IFAC will not return any artwork.

If entrant is under the age of 18, parent or legal guardian's signature at right is required.

Send original artwork and Entry Form / Certificate of Authenticity to:

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