

ENTRY FORM

2021 FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOMS ART & ESSAY CONTEST

For Grades
6-12

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Using a personal example or experience, describe or portray how one of the five freedoms in the First Amendment personally affects your daily life.

FIRST PLACE: \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Learn more at midwest.adl.org/fivefreedoms

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Student's First and Last Name

Student's Phone Number (including area code)

Student's Email Address

Current Grade (circle one): 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Current School Name

Current School Address

City, State, Zip

Teacher or Guardian First and Last Name

School or Guardian Phone Number (including area code)

Teacher or Guardian Email Address (if available)

School Name in Spring 2022 (if different)

All entries must be submitted digitally or postmarked by

December 31, 2021

Submit entries online or send to:
ADL First Amendment Contest
c/o ADL Midwest
120 S. LaSalle, Suite 1550
Chicago, IL 60603

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) invites students grades 6 – 12 to participate in the 2021 First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest! First Place winners in each grade category will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Second Place winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Plus, the teacher with the most entries will receive \$1,000!

What You Need to Do

Submit a two-page essay or create a work of art that best addresses the following prompt:

Using a personal example or experience, describe or portray how one of the five freedoms in the First Amendment personally affects your daily life.

Hit Send!

Submit your entry online at midwest.adl.org/fivefreedoms or via snail mail to ADL Midwest. Be sure your entry is entered via the submission form by 11:59 PM CST on December 31, 2021, or postmarked by December 31, 2021. Review the full contest guidelines before you get started for your best chance at winning!

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A 2019 WINNER



Essay Category Guidelines

- Entrants must submit an original and unpublished essay. The essay must be solely the work of the entrant.
- Clearly label the entry with student name, school, and city on a cover sheet or in the upper right or left-hand corner of the work.
- No identifying student information should be found within the body of the essay.
- Other forms of creative written expression, including poems and short stories, that address the prompt will also be accepted.
- The essay must be 12-point font, double-spaced on 8.5"x11" paper.
- The essay must be written in the English language and no more than two pages, no less than one.

Art Category Guidelines

- Entrants must submit an original, unpublished work of art.
- Clearly label the entry with student name, school, and city on a cover sheet or in the upper right or left-hand corner of the work.
- Entrants must submit along with their artwork a one-paragraph (250 words) explanation of what their artwork represents.
- No identifying student information should be found within the body of the one-paragraph explanation.
- High resolution photos of art entries sent via the online form are preferred, but mailed hard copy entries are also accepted.
- Hard copy submissions should not exceed 18" x 24" in size.
- Art submissions may be in one or more of the following media: painting (watercolor, acrylic, ink, oil, and other), drawing, collage, print (including silk-screens, lithographs, etc) and photography.
- Electronic files for online entries should be merged into a single document that includes student information, artwork, and description.

Submissions Guidelines

- The entry form must include the following information on a cover sheet or in the upper right or left corner of the piece:
 - student's name, phone number and email address; and
 - teacher or guardian's name;
 - the name and address of entrant's current school and grade.
- Teachers, counselors, or guardians may submit entries for students; however, to qualify, each student's essay or artwork should be their own and must include a completed entry form.
- If entering by mail, entrants must complete a hard copy entry form (see reverse side) and attach it to the front of their essay or artwork.

For judging guidelines, rubrics, and more info, visit midwest.adl.org/fivefreedoms

Awards

- Winners will be notified on or before March 1, 2022. Winners, along with their teacher and guardians will be invited to attend a virtual award ceremony in 2022 to present their work.
- Winners and their parents or legal guardians must sign the Permission and Release Form in order to receive their prizes. The Permission and Release form states that you grant permission for ADL to:
 - publish and edit the essay;
 - use the essay or artwork for advertising and promotional purposes without further compensation; and
 - photograph, videotape, or record an interview with the student about the contest and their essay or artwork.

Additional Information

- Only one entry per student per year.
- Employees of ADL, its board of directors and their immediate family members are not eligible for this contest.
- All entries must be submitted digitally or postmarked by December 31, 2021.
- The Anti-Defamation League is not responsible for lost, damaged, or mishandled entries.
- Essays and artwork will not be returned.
- Winning entries will become the sole property of the Anti-Defamation League.
- Students may only win once per lifetime.

Questions

Questions about the contest or guidelines: Call 312.533.3939 or email midwest@adl.org.

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