

“What does freedom of the PRESS Mean to Me?”

Essay Contest



In this essay contest, participants will discuss why they think freedom of press (newspapers, magazines, news programs, blogs, etc.) is important in the United States and how freedom of press impacts their lives. Participants can include photos, sound, video clips and other media along with their essays, but it is not required.

CRITERIA

- Originality/Creativity
- Clarity/Grammar
- Persuasiveness

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to all Suffolk residents. Entries will be divided into five grade groups:

- Kindergarten -2nd Grade: At least 50, no more than 150 words
- 3rd – 5th Grade: At least 150, no more than 500 words
- 6th – 8th Grade: At least 250, no more than 1,000 words
- 9th -12th Grade: At least 250, no more than 1,000 words
- Adult - At least 250 words, no more than 1,000 words

PRIZES

There will be three prizes awarded in each of the five grade groups. The first-place winner in each age group will be invited to read their essay at the SCLA's 6th Annual Intellectual Freedom and will be invited to the NYCLU Awards luncheon.

- 1st Place Prize - Apple iPod MP3 player, two tickets to the NYCLU awards luncheon
- 2nd Place Prize - \$50 Gift Certificate to Border's Books and Music
- 3rd Place Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate to Blockbuster Video

JUDGES

Judges will include members of the Suffolk Chapter of the NYCLU; Suffolk County Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee; Long Island Educators for Academic Freedom; Suffolk BOCES School Library System and Brookhaven League of Women Voters. It will include librarians, elementary and secondary school teachers, college professors and lay people. If you are interested in serving as a judge for this contest, please contact Kevin McCoy at mccoykj@sunysuffolk.edu

TO ENTER:

Essays can be mailed to:
Rita Brasen
Ammerman Campus Library
Suffolk Community College
533 College Road
Selden, NY 11784

Essays also can be e-mailed in Word, Rich-text or PDF format to:
Essay @moriches-bay.com All essays must be submitted by January 15, 2010 to be eligible for the contest. Essays should include the name, address, age group and phone number of the person submitting the essay. Essays or other media will not be returned. Winners will be announced on April 1, 2010.

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