

 **The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in partnership with NIE Chicago Tribune announce the 2017 student essay and art contest on the First Amendment. Students in grades 7 through 11 at the date of submitting their entry are invited to participate.**

## ★ Contest Theme

Students submit an essay or create a work of art that best addresses the following assignment:

**Describe or portray how one or more of the five freedoms in the First Amendment personally affects your daily life.**

## ★ Contest Guidelines

- ✓ Only one entry per student per essay and art category.
- ✓ Only one student per school per essay and art category is eligible to win.
- ✓ All entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2017.
- ✓ Send entries to: ADL First Amendment Freedoms Contest  
c/o Anti-Defamation League  
120 S. LaSalle, Suite 1150 Chicago, IL 60603
- ✓ Employees of the Chicago Tribune, ADL, and Greenberg Traurig, LLP, their board of directors and their immediate family members are not eligible for this contest.

## ★ Essay Category Guidelines

- ✓ Entrants must submit an original and unpublished essay. The essay must be solely the work of the entrant.
- ✓ Other forms of creative written expression, including poems and short stories that are within the guidelines will also be accepted.
- ✓ The essay must be typed in 12-point font minimum and double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" unlined paper with 1.25" margins.
- ✓ The essay must be written in the English language.
- ✓ The essay must not exceed 2 pages.
- ✓ The entrant's name, school, or city should not appear anywhere on the essay pages.
- ✓ Entrants must complete an entry form and staple it to the front of their essay. The entry form must include the following information:
  - student's name, home address, phone number and email address; and teacher's name;
  - the name and address of entrant's current school; and
  - the name of the school and grade level entrant will be entering in the fall of 2017.
- ✓ Teachers may submit entries for students; however, to qualify, each student essay must include a completed entry form stapled to the front of the essay.

## ★ Art Category Guidelines

- ✓ Entrants must submit an original, unpublished work of art
  - illustration, photograph or video. Illustration and photograph submissions should not exceed 18" x 24".
  - Video submissions must not exceed 2 minutes. Sculpture and multi-dimensional art pieces are not permitted.
- ✓ Art submissions may be in one or more of the following media: painting (choice of watercolor, acrylic, ink, oil, and other), drawing, collage, print (including silk-screens, lithographs, etc), and video.
- ✓ Photographs may be color or black and white.
- ✓ It is recommended that illustrations and photographs be mounted on poster board.
- ✓ Video submissions must be in DVD format.
- ✓ The entrant's name, school, or city should not appear anywhere on the artwork.
- ✓ Entrants must submit along with artwork a one-paragraph explanation of what his/her artwork represents. The entrant's name, school, or city should NOT appear anywhere in the paragraph.
- ✓ Entrants must complete an entry form and securely clip it to the front of their artwork. The entry form must include the following information:
  - student's name, home address, and phone number;
  - teacher's name;
  - the name and address of entrant's current school; and

- the name of the school and grade level entrant will be entering in the fall of 2017.

- ✓ Teachers may submit entries for students; however, to qualify, each piece of artwork must include a completed entry form attached to the FRONT of the artwork.

## ★ Judging Guidelines

- ✓ Each entry will be evaluated and numbered as it advances. Entry forms are removed during the judging process to ensure that judging is based solely on the merit of the essay or artwork.
- ✓ Winners will be selected from each category: essay and artwork.
- ✓ Students will be entered into one of two current grade groups: 7-8 or 9-11.
- ✓ Essays will be judged on content, clarity, creativity, originality, conciseness, organization, and correct spelling and grammar appropriate to the entrant's grade level. Artwork will be judged on originality, creativity, design, and interpretation of the theme appropriate to the entrant's grade level.
- ✓ The decision of the judges is final.
- ✓ Once the judging has been completed, entry forms will be reattached to winning essays and artwork and winners and their teachers, if applicable, will be notified.

## ★ Awards

- ✓ Winners will be notified on or before November 3, 2017. Winners, along with their teacher and parents/guardians will be invited to attend the ADL's 2017 Freedom Award Dinner.
- ✓ Winners will be announced at ADL's Freedom Award Dinner. Contest winners may be asked to present their work at the Freedom Award Dinner.
- ✓ 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;
  - ☆ photograph, videotape, or record an interview with the student about the contest and their essay or artwork.
- ✓ First Place winners in each grade category will receive \$3,500. Second Place winners will receive \$1,000.
- ✓ The classroom teacher with the most entries will be invited to the awards dinner and will receive \$1,000. The school with the most entries will receive an Anti-Defamation League's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute educational curriculum.

## ★ Additional Information

- ✓ The Chicago Tribune, Anti-Defamation League, and Greenberg Traurig, LLP are 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.

## ★ Questions

Questions about the contest or guidelines? Call 312.533.3939 or e-mail [chiadl@adl.org](mailto:chiadl@adl.org)

**All entries must be postmarked by Friday June 30, 2017.**  
**Send entries to:** ADL First Amendment Contest, c/o Anti-Defamation League of Chicago, 120 S. LaSalle, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60603

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# OUR FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOMS

Art & Essay  
Contest

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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2017 FIRST AMENDMENT ART AND ESSAY CONTEST

★ ENTRY FORM ★

Student's First and Last Name

Student's Home Address

Student's Phone Number (including area code)

Student's Email Address

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

Current School Name

Current School Address

City State Zip

Teacher's First and Last Name (including Mr., Mrs., Miss, or Ms.)

School Phone Number (including area code)

Teacher's Email Address (if available)

School Name in Fall 2017 (if different)

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