



**1st Annual
“Freedom on Campus”
Student Video Contest**

Call For Entries

Official Entry Form Rules & Regulations

Entry Deadline: November 15, 2008
www.thefire.org/contests

The mission of FIRE is to defend and sustain individual rights at America's colleges and universities. These rights include freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty, and sanctity of conscience—the essential qualities of individual liberty and dignity. FIRE's core mission is to protect the unprotected and to educate the public and communities of concerned Americans about the threats to these rights on our campuses and about the means to preserve them.

About the Contest

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is pleased to announce its 1st Annual “Freedom on Campus” Student Video Contest. Students from around the country have the opportunity to produce a video about policies or practices that stifle their freedoms on campus and win a scholarship and other exciting prizes.

FIRE is looking for student filmmakers to document a free speech controversy on a college campus—either at their own or at another school—and produce a short film about it. Examples include instances when someone has been punished because of his or her speech, student newspapers have been stolen or vandalized, student groups were not allowed to associate, or where speech was confined to a “free speech zone.” To understand more about what FIRE does, view our own documentaries at thefire.org/multimedia.

2008 Awards

Grand Prize: \$5,000 cash prize will be awarded to the producer/s of the best student video. The winner will also receive video exposure on FIRE and CFN websites and an all-expense paid invitation to the 2009 Campus Freedom Network Conference in Philadelphia, where they will meet with prominent free speech advocates, FIRE staff members, and other top students from around the country.

Two Runners-Up: \$1,000 cash prizes will be awarded to two runners-up. They will also receive video exposure on FIRE and CFN websites, award plaques, and FIRE merchandise.

How to Enter

To enter, please read the Rules & Regulations on the following page and fill out the attached submission form.

To enter online, go to www.thefire.org/contests

To enter via US mail, send your forms and video to:

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
Attn: Student Video Contest
601 Walnut Street, Suite 510
Philadelphia, PA 19106

The following must accompany each entry:

- Correctly formatted DVD or digital file
- Entry form, completed and signed
- 50 word or less synopsis of video
- Proof of undergraduate or graduate school enrollment (i.e., a copy of a student ID card)
- Optional: self-addressed and stamped return envelope

Deadlines

The final day to submit an entry is November 15, 2008.

Grand prize winner and runners up will be announced on December 5, 2008.

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Rules & Regulations

Competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students registered to a U.S. college or university. Please provide proof of enrollment or a copy of student ID when submitting your entry form.

Entries cannot exceed 10 minutes in length.

All entries must have been completed during the 2008 school year. You may submit multiple entries.

All entries must be in reference to free speech or academic freedom issues on college and university campuses.

Entries submitted via the Internet must be in the following formats: .mov, .avi, mpeg4, .wmv, or .swf.

Entries submitted via mail may be in DVD format or data files on a CD-ROM.

Entries must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2008.

FIRE is not responsible for any entries lost, harmed or late in the mail. Do not send original master copies. FIRE is not responsible for corrupted files.

FIRE will not return any submissions unless entry is accompanied with a self-addressed envelope and postage.

Submission of an entry gives FIRE permission to reproduce, telecast or display either in part or whole.

Entrant retains all copyright and ownership to entry unless requested otherwise by FIRE.

Please direct all questions to Erin Royce through email at erin@thefire.org or by calling 215-717- 3473.

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Please type or print. Only one form per entry, please. Please attach all necessary entry materials.

Entry Title

Running Time (in minutes)

Entrant's First & Last Name

Entry Completion Date (must during '07-'08 school year)

Video Format: DVD Quicktime (.mov) Windows Media (.wmv) Flash (.swf)
 Digital File MPEG 4 Audio Video Interleave (.avi) Other

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip code

Phone Number

Email Address

College or University Name

Expected Graduation Date

Definition of Study

Degree Type

How did you hear about FIRE?

I have read the Rules & Regulations for the FIRE 2008 Student Video Contest and agree to comply with all guidelines in order to be considered for any awards. I certify that my entry is free of any copyright violations and was completed entirely by me during the 2008 academic school year.

Entrant's Signature

Entry Date