



CAMPAIGN FOR FREE EXPRESSION ESSAY CONTEST RULES

The Center for Inquiry (CFI), in conjunction with its Campaign for Free Expression, is pleased to announce an essay contest on the following topic: **The Importance of Free Expression and Its Limits (If Any)**. As indicated by the specified topic, essays *must* address the question of what limits national governments or recognized international bodies, such as the United Nations, may justifiably place on free expression. The author of the best essay on this topic, as determined by CFI's judges, will receive an award of \$2,000 (USD). The runner-up will receive an award of \$500 (USD). The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Only students currently enrolled in an accredited college or university are eligible to enter. Proof of matriculation must be submitted upon request. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students worldwide.
2. No employee, or relative by blood or marriage, of the Center for Inquiry or its affiliates, including, but not limited to, the Council for Secular Humanism, is eligible to enter the contest.
3. All submissions become property of the CFI to use, reproduce, or distribute as it sees fit in its sole discretion, although authorship will be acknowledged.
4. By submitting an entry, the contestant warrants that the work is original and does not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. In addition, by submitting an entry, the contestant grants permission to CFI to use her or his name for publicity purposes, including, but not limited to, announcing the results of the contest.
5. Submissions must be in Microsoft Word and may not exceed 8000 words in length (excluding references). English is the official language of the contest and only entries in English will be reviewed. The title page should be separate from the rest of the submission and the author's name and identifying information should be set forth only on the title page. To ensure blind review, identifying information must not appear in the body of the submission itself.
6. References should follow the guidelines of the author-date system.
7. To be considered, entries must be received (*received*, not postmarked) by **January 31, 2010**. Entries should be e-mailed to **essaycontest@centerforinquiry.net**. Place "CFI Essay Contest" in the subject line. Those using regular mail should send their entries to Center for Inquiry, Campaign for Free Expression Essay Contest, P.O. Box 741, Amherst, NY 14226-0741. **Note: if and when more than 400 entries are submitted, CFI reserves the right to stop accepting entries.** An announcement will be made on the CFI website when the 300th essay is received. Review of more than 400 essays is beyond the resources of our staff and volunteer reviewers.
8. The decisions of the judges are final and nonreviewable.
9. This contest is void where prohibited by law.

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