



# 2011-2012 First Amendment Poster Contest

## This Year's First Amendment Theme: Freedom to Petition

### Contest:

The Illinois First Amendment Center (IFAC) and the Illinois Press Foundation (IPF) announce their sixth annual First Amendment Poster Contest for Illinois high school students, grades 8 – 12. Posters may be computer-generated or hand-drawn/painted. Judging will be based 50% on quality of artwork and 50% on the best portrayal of **Freedom to Petition as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**. (Note: Creative Message Awards are based 75% on message, 25% on artwork.)

♦ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$1,000 ♦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$500 ♦ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$400 ♦ 4<sup>th</sup> Place – \$200  
Honorable Mention Awards – \$100 ♦ Creative Message Awards \$100

### Eligibility:

Students who presently reside in Illinois and are enrolled in an Illinois school or home school, grades 8 - 12.

### Rules and Specifications:

- Poster theme must clearly depict the Freedom to Petition, as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. No other themes will be accepted. Slogans are strongly encouraged!
- One entry per student. No group projects will be permitted.
- Any entry that does not include the Entry Form **securely attached to the back of poster** will be disqualified.
- Entries may be sent to the IFAC (see address below) or may be brought to this address. **All entries must be received at the IFAC or brought in no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, January 20, 2012.** (Note: The IFAC is located within the Illinois Press Association facility.)
- Preferred size: 14" w X 20" h. Minimum acceptable size: 8 ½" X 11"; maximum acceptable size: 14" X 20".
- Artwork may be hand-drawn, painted, or computer-generated. If computer-generated, you may shoot your own digital photographs for the composite, submit original illustrations from Adobe Illustrator or similar software, or use royalty-free images. Suggested resolution and format: 300 dpi or greater - in either JPG or PDF format.
- All artwork entries become the property of the IFAC and will not be returned to the entrant.
- The judges of the contest are the final arbiters in awarding all prizes.
- Only prize winners and a designated teacher (if listed on Entry Form) will be notified via e-mail. If you do not have e-mail, please list your teacher's email address so we may reach you. If you do not have an e-mail address that you can furnish, please note this on your entry form and include a home phone. Any winner not reachable will be disqualified.
- A press release containing the following information about each prize winner will be sent to all Illinois newspapers who are members of the Illinois Press Association: Student's name and grade level, prize won, name and city/town of student's school, and name of art teacher, if applicable.

### Questions?

Please contact us at  
(217) 241-1300

### Send Artwork and Entry Form to:

Illinois First Amendment Center – Attn: Poster Contest  
900 Community Drive, Springfield, IL 62703



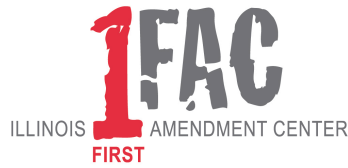
Entry Form

**Teachers: Due to staff time constraints, we cannot notify individual entrants.**

If you would like to inquire whether judging has taken place and/or find out the results of the judging, email Sue Montalvo at:  
[smontalvo@illinoispress.org](mailto:smontalvo@illinoispress.org).

**Check out past Poster Contest winning artwork on our Web site:**

**www.ifac.us**



## CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Entries must be received by 4:30pm on 1/20/2012. This form **MUST** accompany all entries and be securely attached to the back of artwork.

### Student's Information \*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (with Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full School Address: (include city / zip code): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Phone (with Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's email (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!!**

\* **Please be advised: To those who win cash prizes in any amount, we are required to obtain your social security number. Upon being notified that you have won a cash prize, we will ask for this information. No cash prizes will be sent until we have obtained this information. If you win \$600 or more, we are required to provide you with an IRS Form 1099.**  
\*\* **If we can't read your e-mail address, we won't be able to reach you!**

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

Signature of entrant at right certifies that entry is your original artwork.

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Signature of entrant at right indicates his/her understanding that winning artwork will become the property of the IFAC.

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Signature of entrant at right indicates his/her understanding that IFAC will not return any artwork.

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If entrant is under the age of 18, parent or legal guardian's signature at right is required.

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**Send original artwork and Entry Form / Certificate of Authenticity to:**

Illinois First Amendment Center  
Attn: IFAC Poster Contest  
900 Community Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Phone: 217-241-1300

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