

## STUDENT COMPETITION ON FIRST AMENDMENT GUIDELINES

### Call for Entries

As part of the “Campus Uncensored?” series of events and activities on the First Amendment, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs invites submissions for its First Amendment Student Competition. The “Campus Uncensored” series is a 2008-09 initiative that includes several events that are designed to: (a) broaden our understanding of the First Amendment; (b) enhance awareness of the responsibilities that accompany these constitutional rights and freedoms; and encourage students, faculty, and staff to use this understanding and awareness for personal and collective application on the campus and in everyday life.

This component of the series encourages students to explore their First Amendment rights, responsibility, interpretation, and understanding through individual expression. Entrants’ may submit an entry using whatever medium is deemed most suitable for their form of expression, including, *but not limited to*: photography, digital image, website, painting, sculpture, essay, playwright, narrative, short story, short film, poetry, spoken word, dance, musical performance, craftwork, or textiles. **There is no entry fee.**

### Eligibility

Contestants must be enrolled part-time or full-time at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at the time of submission. Undergraduates, graduate, and professional students are welcome to submit. Students enrolled as non-degree granting and students who hold full-time faculty or staff positions are not eligible to submit material.

### Submission Guidelines

Entries must be the contestant’s original work.

Entries may not include material that has been previously published or awarded.

Entries must be submitted in its original form, unless size or type of medium (performance) renders such impractical. If an entry cannot be submitted in its original format, the contestant must submit the entry in digital format on a CD or DVD labeled with the entrant’s name. Contestants may be asked to present the original piece to the review committee. Electronic entries must be in pdf, jpeg, word, wmv, or flash.

Contestants must include a description of the entry, which may include: an explanation of the piece and its relationship to the First Amendment; materials used; if a performance, a list of other individuals included (if applicable); and information about the contestant.

Only one entry per contestant will be accepted. Entries involving more than one person (e.g. a skit or short movie) should only list one submitter. Group entries will not be accepted.

An official entry form must accompany all submissions.

Submit contest entries to:

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

601 E. John Street

Champaign, IL 61820

studentcompetition@sab.uiuc.edu

\*Participants will be notified about when entries may be picked up. Entries will not be mailed back to contestants.

Contestants will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of their submission.

Note: Entries that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be considered.

### **Judging Criteria**

Use of the First Amendment

Creativity

Originality

### **Deadlines**

Friday, April 3, 2009: All entries must be received no later than 5 pm.

Friday, April 24, 2009: Winners will be notified

Thursday, May 7, 2009: Competition Open House and Awards Reception

### **Awards**

Overall outstanding award – \$500

Graduate/Professional student awards (2) – \$250 each

Undergraduate student awards (2) – \$250 each

Honorable mentions – \$100

### **Winner Notification and Recognition**

Winners will be notified by Friday, April 20, 2009. All contestants will be invited to attend the reception at which their work will be on display for public viewing.

### **Additional Information**

For additional information about the First Amendment Student Competition, please send an email to [studentcompetition@sab.uiuc.edu](mailto:studentcompetition@sab.uiuc.edu).