

The ACLU Foundation of Connecticut  
Invites all Connecticut High School Students to Participate in the:

## 2011 First Amendment Essay Contest

Ethel S. Sorokin Prize: **\$1,000** Second Prize: **\$500** Third Prize: **\$250**

### Contest Topic:

There has long been a debate over whether schools and other public arenas can post or display religious text. Under what circumstances, if any, can the 10 commandments, or other sacred text, be taught or brought up for discussion in the classroom?

**Requirements:** . While there is no minimum length, essays may not exceed 1,000 words. Please e-mail the information requested on "Submission Guide" to [dfoster@acluct.org](mailto:dfoster@acluct.org). **The guide and additional information can be found at [www.acluct.org](http://www.acluct.org).**

All entries will be judged by a balanced panel of experts who will judge entries based on **understanding of the First Amendment, persuasiveness, creativity, and grammar.**

**Due Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

**Electronic submission is strongly encouraged** but submissions can be mailed to:

ACLU-CT  
2074 Park St., Suite L  
Hartford, CT 06106

### Rules:

All entries must be **typewritten** and **double spaced**.

All entries must include name, address, telephone number, e-mail, school, and how you learned about the essay contest.

Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged, but not required.

All entries must be **received by 8 PM EST Feb. 2, 2011.**

One entry per student.

Student **must be enrolled in a Connecticut high school.**

Awards will be given at the Annual Milton-Sorokin Symposium April 2011. Winners will be notified by mail. Submissions are the property of the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut. Entrants give permission to the ACLU Foundation of Connecticut to take photos of winners for publicity purposes.

*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."*  
*First Amendment to the United States Constitution*

