



**1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
“Freedom on Campus”  
Student Video Contest**

# Call For Entries

## Official Entry Form Rules & Regulations

Entry Deadline: May 15, 2009  
[www.thefire.org/contests](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

## 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](http://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 May 15, 2009.

Grand prize winner and runners up will be announced on May 22, 2009.

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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 2008-2009 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 May 15, 2009.

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 Osovets through email at [contests@thefire.org](mailto:contests@thefire.org) or by calling 215-717- 3473.

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2009 Student Video Contest [www.thefire.org/contests](http://www.thefire.org/contests)

Please fill out completely. Only one form per entry, please. Upload your video at <http://dropbox.yousendit.com/RobertShibley1065439> or if mailing, send entries to The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), 601 Walnut St, Suite 510, Philadelphia PA 19106

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*Entry Title* *Running Time (in minutes)*

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*Entrant's First & Last Name* *Entry Completion Date (must during '08-'09 school year)*

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

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*Mailing Address* *City*                      *State*                      *Zip code*

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*Phone Number* *Email Address*

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*College or University Name* *Expected Graduation Date*

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*Definition of Study* *Degree Type*

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*How did you hear about FIRE?*

I have read the Rules & Regulations for the FIRE 2009 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 2009 academic school year.

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*Entrant's Signature* *Entry Date*