



# School of Law

## University of Missouri

### **Student Writing Competition: Campus Speech, Protest, and Conflict Resolution**

#### **THE MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION**

#### **Eligibility**

The Missouri high school writing competition is open to all persons enrolled as of September 1, 2017, in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in a Missouri public or private high school (or junior high, if the student's school system enrolls 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at a junior high) or in a home schooling arrangement recognized by the state of Missouri as making the student eligible to receive a high school diploma. Papers that have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere are not eligible for the writing competition.

#### **Prizes**

The top paper will receive a \$500 prize, second place a \$300 prize, and third place a \$100 prize. Honorable mentions may be designated. In addition, the winning students will be awarded scholarships at the University of Missouri (Columbia) that can be used in the event the student matriculates at the University of Missouri (Columbia) within two years after his or her high school graduation in the following amounts: 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$2000; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$1500; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$1000; honorable mentions, \$500. The three winning papers and the honorable mentions will be published in electronic proceedings that will be posted on the [CSDR website](#).

In addition, the authors of the winning papers and the honorable mentions, and these students' faculty advisers will be invited to a Champions Workshop on the Mizzou campus at a date to be determined in February 2018. This advanced workshop will take place on the MU campus and consist of a variety of activities including small group discussions with Mizzou professors and faculty experts on topics related to the competition.

#### **Submission Requirements & Procedure**

Submissions should address the issue of campus speech, protest and/or conflict resolution, and should look at the implications of the First Amendment in these issues. Submissions must be in English and between ten (10) and twenty-five (25) pages in length, including footnotes. The text of the paper must be typed and double-spaced on pages with 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins. Footnotes should appear in an established system of citation. The title of the paper must appear on every page of the submission. The author's name must not appear anywhere on the submission itself.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- Fill out the [Student Information Sheet](#) and the [Unlimited Personal Release Agreement](#), scan them, and include as attachments with your submission.
- Papers must be submitted electronically via email to [mucwpawards@missouri.edu](mailto:mucwpawards@missouri.edu)

#### **Scoring Criteria**

Submissions will be judged pursuant to the following factors:

- Reasoning and analysis
- Thoroughness and depth
- Originality of thought
- Clarity of presentation
- Technical excellence

Papers must be received no later than 11:59 p.m.,  
Central time, on February 1, 2018.

Coordinated by:



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Have questions or need writing ideas? Contact us at: [mucwpawards@missouri.edu](mailto:mucwpawards@missouri.edu)