

Guidelines

for the ICHV
15th Annual Student Voices Contest

Topic: Guns are everywhere around us. They are in our communities, in the news and in games, movies and music. How do you think this affects gun violence in real life?

Eligibility: All students currently in grades 1 through 12 are eligible to participate. We welcome entries from all students in Illinois. Only one entry per student.

Categories: ESSAY, POETRY, and ART

Grade Divisions for Judging:

Division One, 1st grade – 4th grade
Division Two, 5th grade – 8th grade
Division Three, 9th grade – 12th grade

Winners: At least one winner from each category and grade division will be selected.

Prizes: Each winner receives a desktop computer and a \$25 bookstore gift certificate. Submitting teachers of winning students receive a \$100 gift certificate to a sponsoring bookstore or art supply store. Winners will be notified in May 2010 and then honored at an Awards Assembly at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

Contest Guidelines:

1. Each entry requires a completed **entry form**.
2. Each entry must fit into **one category** (essay, poem, or artwork).
3. Written entries should be **typed or written in black ink** (to facilitate photocopying).
4. All prose entries should follow a paragraph format. Recommended essay lengths are as follows:
Division One: 200-250 words; Division Two: 350-400 words; Division Three: 500-600 words.
5. All artwork should be two-dimensional.

Deadline: February 5, 2010 - Early entries accepted

Please send entries to:
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