

The White Plains
Democratic City
Committee

2024 Essay Contest

OPEN TO ALL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
WHO LIVE IN WHITE PLAINS
OR ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL
IN WHITE PLAINS

FIRST PRIZE

\$750

Second: \$300

Third: \$150

DEADLINE:

May 3, 2024

ALL THREE PRIZE WINNERS
WILL GET TO HAVE LUNCH WITH

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
New York State Senate Majority Leader &
SHELLEY MAYER
New York State Senator

WHAT DOES “FREEDOM OF SPEECH” MEAN TO YOU?

ARE LIMITATIONS OF SPEECH EVER JUSTIFIED, AND IF SO, WHEN?

PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES TO SUPPORT YOUR OPINION. SOME IDEAS INCLUDE:

- **IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** *When should the government limit speech? Does it limit speech too much already? Not enough?*
- **IN THE CONTEXT OF PRIVATE ENTITIES:** *Should social media platforms regulate what is said? Should businesses regulate employee speech? Should schools regulate student speech? If so, when?*
- **IN THE CONTEXT OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS:** *Should you limit what you say to peers so they are not “triggered”?*

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS ANY OR ALL OF THE ISSUES SUGGESTED ABOVE OR ANY OF YOUR OWN.

For more information, e-mail the essay-contest committee: whiteplainsessaycontest@gmail.com

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RULES:
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THE CONTEST DEADLINE IS:

May 3, 2024 AT 11:59 PM

SUBMIT BY EMAIL TO:

whiteplainsessaycontest@gmail.com

(A confirmation email will be sent when essays are received)

SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Student's Name
- Student's Home Address
- Student's (and/or Parent's) Email Address
- School Name
- Student's (and/or Parent's) Telephone Number

ESSAY TOPIC AND CONTENT CRITERIA:

WHAT DOES "FREEDOM OF SPEECH" MEAN TO YOU?

Are limitations of speech ever justified, and if so, when?

Please provide specific examples to support your opinion.

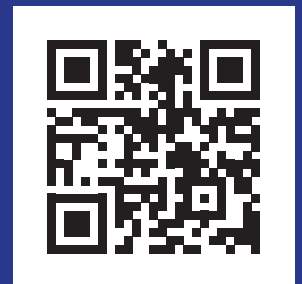
- Essays may not be more than 1000 words
- Essays must be the original work of the student

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Ideas and content
2. Quality of reasoning
3. Creativity and originality
4. Quality of writing
5. Structure and organization

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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