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# 1st AMENDMENT

## Congress Oklahoma

Join us at the Congress to discover more about the First Amendment!

Save the Date  
November 2

# Students! Win cash prizes!

## Oklahoma's 2017 First Amendment Essay Contest

**Oklahoma high school students**—grades 9 to 12—are invited to enter the *2017 Zach Taylor First Amendment Essay Contest*, sponsored by Freedom of Information Oklahoma.

**For this year's essay**, pick one of the freedoms guaranteed in the First Amendment (speech, press, religion, assembly, or government petition) and write about its importance to our way of life.

Students are encouraged to do factual research on the topic, but to write creatively and personally, rather than write a report. **Entries should be about 500 words, typed, double-space.**

### Each entry must include the following:

- Student's name
- Name of student's school
- Name of student's teacher
- Name of student's principal
- Student's mailing address
- Contact phone number
- Student's personal e-mail address (if student has one)

Contest  
deadline  
October 18  
2017

**Cash prizes will be awarded to winning essays.** First prize is \$300, second place will receive \$200, and third place will win \$100. Seven students will receive honorable mentions and iTunes® gift certificates.

**Cash prizes will be awarded on November 2** at the 2017 First Amendment Congress at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

All entries must be received by October 18.

### E-mail entries to:

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Bill.Young@libraries.ok.gov

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### Questions about the contest?

Please contact Bill Young at (405) 522-3562